

MD Anderson Gynecologic SPORE in Uterine Cancers

2012-2013 Call for Research Proposals

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The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Uterine SPORE Developmental Research Program solicits applications for pilot projects. Proposed pilot projects can be basic, translational, or clinical, but must be directly relevant to uterine cancer and amenable for future translation to the clinic. These awards are intended to provide funding for the collection of preliminary data and the development of full projects to be considered for alternate peer-reviewed funding. Funded pilot projects that have the potential to be incorporated as a component of the Uterine SPORE are encouraged. Awards will cover direct and indirect costs of up to \$50,000 total for one year with the opportunity for competitive renewal of one additional year. Please note that the \$50,000 is all inclusive of direct and indirect costs, and is subject to change. Please check with your institution regarding current F&A rates and policies.

A. A qualified applicant will:

- Hold either an M.D. or Ph.D. degree, or equivalent.
- Hold the rank of Instructor or higher. While junior investigators are eligible to apply for pilot project funding, they are strongly encouraged to consider Uterine SPORE Career Development Program funding instead.

B. The proposed research may be basic, translational, or clinical, but must be directly relevant to uterine cancer and have the potential for future clinical application.

C. A pre-proposal is required prior to submission of a full proposal. Pre-proposals will be reviewed promptly, and applicants judged to be responsive will be invited to submit a full proposal.

Pre-Proposals will include: **(DUE: 5pm (CT) on June 4, 2012)**

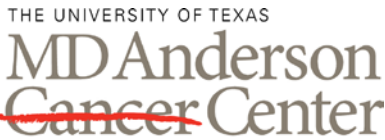
- Letter of intent from the applicant providing a clear and brief description of the proposed research.

D. Applicants invited to submit full proposals will be notified by **June 15, 2012**.

Full Proposals will include: **(DUE: 5pm (CT) on August 1, 2012)**

(Please use 11 pt. font, .5 margins on all sides, and the most recently updated NIH PHS398 forms at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>)

- Face Page
- Form Page 2
- Form Page 4 with budget justification (\$50,000 total costs max)
- Biosketches using current NIH format/guidelines for all key personnel
- Proposed research project (4 pages max, excluding references)
 - The research proposal should include 1) background/significance, 2) hypothesis, 3) specific aims, 4) experimental approach, and 5) future directions (including plans for applying to alternate peer-reviewed funding).
- Any necessary certifications (human subjects, animal care and use, biosafety or hazardous chemicals)



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E. Projects will be evaluated based on the criteria below.

- Scientific merit
- Innovation
- Potential for translational application
- Degree to which the project contributes to the priorities and objectives of the SPORE
- Technical feasibility

F. Submission Information: Pre- and full proposals should be submitted electronically by the due dates to Kristi Mercer at knmerc@mdanderson.org.

G. Timeline:

- Pre-Proposal due June 4, 2012
- Notification of invitation to submit full application by June 15, 2012
- Full-application due August 1, 2012
- Award notification by August 17, 2012
- Funding begins September 1, 2012

H. MD Anderson Uterine SPORE Career Development Program Leadership:

- Thomas W. Burke, M.D. – Program Director
- Peter J. A. Davies, M.D., Ph.D. – Co-Director

Please direct questions to Kristi Mercer at (713) 792-6884 or via email at knmerc@mdanderson.org.