



Translational and Clinical Cancer Research Awards

Deadline: November 10, 2014, 5 PM

PURPOSE: Internal funding is available to faculty members of the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center to stimulate scientific collaboration and translational research projects related to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of cancer. The Translational Cancer Research Award requires co-Principal Investigators, either: (1) a basic and clinical scientist; (2) a clinical and cancer prevention scientist; or (3) a basic and prevention scientist. Priority will be given to proposals that have a high likelihood of leading to new prevention practices or treatment therapies and extramural funding.

FUNDS AVAILABLE: Up to four (4) collaborative translational research awards of up to \$50,000.

One additional award (up to \$50,000) will be available for a project that focuses on lung cancer. The lung cancer award must propose a pilot investigator initiated therapeutic or biomarker trial. The project must involve lung cancer patients. The proposed trial should be completed within one year of IRB approval and lead to a larger investigator initiated trial. The lung cancer trial does not require a Co-PI.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS: Proposed studies can translate from bench to bedside or bedside to bench. The project will not have been previously funded. Duration of the award is one (1) year.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES: The deadline is November 10, 2014, 5 PM. All applications must be submitted electronically through WebGAAS: <http://moores.ucsd.edu/Admin/grants-in-aid.asp>. The application form package can be downloaded from WebGAAS. In addition to the research plan, the application includes a Face Page, Budget, Budget Justification, and an NIH-style Biosketch for each PI. Each PI may submit one application. Awards are anticipated to begin on or around January 1, 2015, and will be financially managed by the Cancer Center Business Office.

The following page limitations apply:

- **Specific Aims** (1 page)
- **Research Strategy** (5 page total) – Background/Significance, Approach, and Preliminary Results.
- **Biosketches** - up to 2 pages, including relevant recent publications and current support.
- **Budget and Budget Justification** – up to 2 pages. For Translational Award applications, explain the role of each co-investigator to achieve the proposed goals.

BUDGETARY GUIDELINES: The budget may include partial salary support for faculty investigators, graduate students, post-docs, technicians, shared resources, and supplies. Funds cannot be used for travel, professional meeting fees, or equipment. No IDC allowed.

REVIEW CRITERIA: The Review Committee will conduct an NIH-style internal peer review of applications. The goal of the RFA is to advance our understanding of cancer, and foster the development of new team science approaches toward cancer prevention, control and treatment. Reviewers will discuss the following aspects of each application:

- **Significance:** Does the proposal address an important problem? Will the proposal provide a better understanding of the disease, influence standard of care, develop a new prevention or therapy?
- **Investigators:** Are investigators qualified to conduct project?
- **Approach:** Are the conceptual framework, design, methods, and analyses adequately developed, well integrated, and appropriate to the aims of the project?
- **Innovation:** Are the aims original and innovative?
- **Feasibility:** Do the research design and methods appear appropriate and reasonable, and can the aims be achieved within one (1) year? Is the project likely to lead to external grant funding?
- **Human Subjects:** Are there any major ethical concerns surrounding human subjects?

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