Michael Bouvet, MD, the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center, and the local Committee of the American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant (ACS-IRG #70-002) are pleased to announce the availability of seed money to stimulate cancer research projects of high merit among junior investigators at UCSD.

**Amount:** Up to $30,000 per award (up to 5 awards; 1 year)

**Deadline:** 5:00 PM September 10, 2015

**Eligibility:**
- Assistant professor within six years of the first independent faculty (or equivalent) appointment.
- Must be eligible to apply as principal investigator for grant support from national agencies. The applicant cannot be PI of an NIH, NSF, DoD grant, but can hold career development grants solely intended for salary (e.g. NIH K award). Applicant cannot be PI of an active ACS award of any kind. Please contact us if you have eligibility questions.
- PI can hold small foundation grants, provided they are not the result of a national peer-reviewed competition and support different projects.
- Investigator must be independent and have a commitment from the institution for salary and space.
- Individual whose initial nationally competitive research grant was not renewed, and who meets other eligibility criteria. Investigators with a grant in a no cost extension are not eligible.
- Applicant is not required to be a US citizen, but must hold a visa that will allow them to remain in the US long enough to complete the pilot project.
- 2014 ACS-IRG awardees are eligible to apply for a 1-year competitive renewal of their previously funded ACS pilot project grant. Renewal applications must document the progress made against outlined aims over the previous funding period. Previous awardees may not apply for a pilot grant on a different topic.
- A single “Special Interest” award of $30,000 will be made among projects that focus on psychosocial and behavioral research, health policy or health services research, cancer in the poor and medically underserved, and childhood cancer.

**Submission:**
Applications are accepted only electronically: [http://moores.ucsd.edu/Admin/grants-in-aid.asp](http://moores.ucsd.edu/Admin/grants-in-aid.asp)
The application form, budget guidelines and FAQs can be found at the same link.

**Selection Process:**
All research disciplines are accepted. Applications must demonstrate a clear relevance to cancer, and applicants evidencing a history of cancer-relevant research will be favored. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by the UCSD ACS-IRG Committee according to NIH Study Section procedures. Special Interest proposals will be reviewed and adjudicated separately. Individual notifications and general announcements will be issued in the fall of 2015.

**Application Guidelines:**
The ACS award is not intended to support faculty salaries, to supplement existing research contracts or grants, or utilized as bridge funding pending renewal support of projects. Funds cannot be used for foreign travel. See online guidelines for additional formatting and budget instructions.

Awardees will be required to submit an annual progress report for 5 years. Data on awardees is required for renewal of the ACS-IRG grant. Publications resulting from awards must acknowledge “Supported by IRG Grant #70-002 of the American Cancer Society.”

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