

**2008 CANCER CENTER INTERNAL GRANT PROGRAM**  
**Request for Proposals: Brainstorm Awards - 2008**

**Objective:** The objective of the Brainstorm Awards is to foster new interdisciplinary collaborations encompassing novel, hypothesis-driven studies of cancer or a cancer-related topic.

**Eligibility:** All members of the Cancer Center are eligible to apply.

The proposed project must be a joint, collaborative effort by at least two Cancer Center members from different programs or different disciplines, and must represent a new collaborative proposal.

Applications will not be considered from two investigators who have a long-standing track record of collaborative accomplishment, based on federal grant support or co-authored publications. Brainstorm Awards are not meant to supplement currently funded research projects. Members may only submit one application to this mechanism. However, the same application may be considered simultaneously for the Translational Breast Cancer Research, Population Sciences, or the Translational Sarcoma Cancer Research Awards.

**Type of Research Supported:** Proposed research must be hypothesis-driven and have the goal of using the award as a springboard to obtaining long-term support from federal/external sources. Applications must have a cancer or cancer-related theme. A total of \$100,000 (4 modules of \$25,000 each) is available for award; past awards have ranged from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Investigators may submit proposals requesting from one to four modules.

**Application Format:**

- The Statement of Intent submitted by March 14, 2008 will serve as the cover page for the application.
- A maximum 3-page, single-spaced research plan (12 pt. font) that outlines specific aims, background/preliminary data, experimental plan, significance, and references. The application should not include any preprints, reprints, or other forms of freestanding preliminary data as appendices.
- A current NIH biosketch
- Current NIH Other support pages which provide a complete list of active and pending federal and local grant support.
- A detailed budget with justification. The budget should not include salary support for the Co-principal investigators. If an investigator requests salary support due to departmental policy, then a letter from the investigator's chair must accompany the proposal requesting such support. Appropriate items include: laboratory supplies and reagents, core service expenses (e.g., flow cytometry, tissue procurement), small equipment (less than \$2,500), animal costs, salaries for technicians, undergraduates, graduate students, or postdocs. The total one year budget request may be for up to four modules.
- Proposal Routing Form signed by the co-principal investigators and the respective department heads. This will be used for Cancer Center purposes only and will not be forwarded to Sponsored Projects Administration.

**Application deadline:** Applications are due April 18<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 p.m. Submit application including PRF as one .pdf file to Aaron Schilz, Preaward Services Coordinator at [schil226@umn.edu](mailto:schil226@umn.edu). In addition, an original plus 5 copies should be submitted to the Cancer Center Pre-award Services Office, attention: Aaron Schilz, 925 Delaware St. SE, Suite 310, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

**Review Process and Awards:** An internal committee will review applications. The committee will make recommendations for funding to the Cancer Center Director. Applicants will be notified of the review outcome by mid-June. Awards will be made for one year, with an anticipated activation date of July 1, 2008. Note that IRB approval (if applicable) MUST be received prior to release of grant funds.

Questions related to these announcements should be directed to Aaron Schilz, Pre-award Services Coordinator, at 612-624-0650 or [schil226@umn.edu](mailto:schil226@umn.edu).