

2008 CANCER CENTER INTERNAL GRANT PROGRAM
Request for Proposals: Translational Breast Cancer Research - 2008

Objective: Herberger's "Charge Against Breast Cancer" has made support available for the funding of pilot projects in breast cancer. The goals of the program are to provide support for the generation of preliminary data required to submit a larger peer-reviewed federally funded grant and to enhance the depth and breadth of breast cancer research at the University.

Eligibility: The principal investigator must be a member of the University of Minnesota Cancer Center.

Type of Research Supported: Proposals dealing with breast cancer biology, prevention, detection, diagnosis and/or treatment are appropriate for support. Both basic science and innovative clinical trials are appropriate for support. Investigators may submit proposals requesting up to two modules.

Application format: The application format is identical to the Cancer Center's Brainstorm Awards .

- 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. Applicants may include preliminary data, but the length of the application cannot exceed 3 pages. The application should not include any preprints, reprints, or other forms of freestanding preliminary data as appendices.
- An updated NIH Biosketch.
- Current NIH Other Support pages which include a complete list of active and pending federal and local grant support
- A budget using current standard NIH budget forms pages. The budget should not include salary support for the Principal Investigator. 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. Allowable budget items include: laboratory supplies and reagents, core service expenses (e.g., flow cytometry, tissue procurement, etc.), small equipment (<\$2,500), animal care costs, salaries for technicians, undergraduates, graduate students, or post-docs. The total one year budget request may be for up to three modules.
- Proposal Routing Form signed by the principal investigators and the department head. This will be used for Cancer Center purposes only and will not be forwarded to Sponsored Projects Administration.

Unlike the Brainstorm Awards, collaboration between two Cancer Center members is not required to be responsive to this RFP. However, appropriate collaborative grants submitted to the Brainstorm Award may be considered for funding by this support mechanism. If you submit a breast cancer-related Brainstorm Award, there is no need to submit a separate application for this announcement although the Statement of Intent should state your interest in consideration for both mechanisms.

Application deadline

Applications are due April 18th **by 4:00 p.m.** Submit application including PRF as one .pdf file to Aaron Schilz, Preaward Services Coordinator at 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. Once applications are received, an internal review committee composed of members with appropriate expertise will be created. Criteria for judging are as follows:

- Significance, innovation, and feasibility of the proposal, relevance to breast cancer
- Likelihood of receiving additional funding if the proposal is successfully completed
- Applicant's interest in devoting a significant amount of effort to breast cancer research

Applicants will be notified of the review outcome by early June. Awards will be made for one year, with an anticipated activation date of July 1, 2008.

Questions related to these announcements should be directed to Aaron Schilz, Preaward Services Coordinator, at 612-624-0650 or schil226@umn.edu.