Objective

The objective of the Translational Breast Cancer Research Award is to support research in the biology, prevention, detection, diagnosis, and/or treatment of breast cancer.

Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

- This pilot grant is available to Masonic Cancer Center members with faculty appointments at the University of Minnesota.

- Applications must be breast cancer focused.

- 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.

- The funds must be designated for the direct support of research. In general, funds should be used for supplies and support of research personnel (graduate students or technicians). Funds cannot be used to support faculty salaries. Only equipment purchases that are directly required for the research are appropriate. No indirect costs should be included in the budget.

- All applicants are required to have proper approvals (IRB/IACUC/IBC) before research may begin. Applicants are highly encouraged to apply for proper approvals at or prior to the time of submission. This will ensure that the study is approved by the start date of the award.

Mechanism Funding Information

Applications with budgets of $25,000 for a one year term will be considered. One to two awards will be made depending upon scientific review and budget requests.

Review Process

Each mechanism has an internally-selected committee that will review applications. The committee will make recommendations for funding to the Mechanism Lead. De-identified, written reviews/critiques will be sent upon request.

Applicants will be notified of the review outcome by mid-June 2017. Awards will be made for one year, with an anticipated activation date of July 1, 2017.

Reporting Requirements

Principal investigators of funded projects will be required to provide mid-year and final reports that include accounting of all funds expended to date and progress towards milestones. Reports are to be submitted to the Mechanism Lead and the Funding Initiatives Manager. It is expected that all funds will be expended by June 30, 2018, with extensions being considered only in exceptional cases and requiring the approval of the Mechanism Lead.

Academic Health Center (AHC), MCC and CSH communications staff may reach out to awardees in the process of crafting communications (publications, website, flyers, etc.) for external audiences.

During a period of up to 7 years following the end of the pilot award, if any grants or publications are obtained as a result of this pilot funding, awardees are required to submit this information to the Funding Initiatives Manager.
Grant Program Contacts

All questions related to the application process, requirements, or eligibility should be directed to:

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