

GW Cancer Center/Children's National Medical Center Pilot Awards Program

Strengthening the Consortium

We are pleased to announce a pilot grant request for strengthening the GW Cancer Center consortium between GW University (GWU) and Children's National Medical Center. The goal of this RFA is **to accelerate the discovery and development of novel approaches for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of patients with cancer**, while strengthening the collaboration between GWU and CNMC based faculty. As with all GW Cancer Center pilot awards, a major objective is to advance the scientific endeavours towards publication and peer-reviewed grant funding.

It is anticipated that two pilot awards will be funded for activities that demonstrate strong collaboration and multi-disciplinary effort. Responsive application must be:

- Highly interactive in nature and include a CNMC employed Cancer Center faculty member and a GW University employed Cancer Center faculty member (Dual PI);
- From a broad range of disciplines that seeks to advance and promote discovery and development while fostering concerted dialogue across basic, translational, and/or clinical research to benefit patients with cancer (including malignant blood disorders).

Each institutional PI must have a Ph.D. or M.D. or M.D., Ph.D. degree, currently conduct research on key research interests, and be an active Cancer Center Member. The awards are given to highly promising scientists at various stages of their careers. High priority will be given to projects that demonstrate interdisciplinary teams that successfully integrate clinical care and laboratory research developed from this funding opportunity. The awards are given to provide "seed money" to generate preliminary data for the investigators to ultimately prepare and obtain extramural research awards, namely NIH grants. Please do not apply more than once. Note that the Executive Committee (EC) members are not eligible for this funding opportunity.

It is anticipated that 2 research proposals will be funded at \$50,000 each.

Application forms and instructions can be found at

<https://smhs.gwu.edu/katzcancer/research/2018-pilot-grant-program>. Only this application form will be accepted. The applications should be in Arial font, 11-pt or larger and are limited to 3 pages, including figures but not including references. Within the 3 pages, be sure to include:

- Abstract, research question, aims, methods and timeline
- PI qualifications and environment to support project success
- Impact statement regarding the significance of the project to catchment area needs
- Plan for and likelihood of obtaining extramural funding with pilot data
- Attachments: NIH biosketches of the Principal Investigator(s) and any key personnel; budget and justification using the template on the link (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp4.pdf>). Capital purchases, computers and

office supplies are not allowed. Must have IRB or IACUC approval or pending at the time of funding.

Applications are due no later than 4:00 pm on December 20, 2018. For questions and for submissions, contact Leo Schargorodski at lschargorodski@mfa.gwu.edu.

Requirements upon funding: Project period is January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. A progress report will be due July, 2019 describing detailed study progress and financial stewardship. Projects that have not made significant progress may be discontinued. A final report will be due February 1, 2020.

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