



2019 GW CANCER CENTER LIVER CANCER PILOT AWARD PROGRAM

The GW Cancer Center is pleased to announce pilot awards for **projects that focus on liver cancer in the Greater Washington, D.C. Metro area** focusing on two priorities:

- The epidemiology of liver cancer in D.C. and its associated risk factors (hepatitis B, hepatitis C, HIV, heavy alcohol use, smoking, obesity, anabolic steroids, chronic arsenic exposure, aflatoxin exposure, vinyl chloride exposure, thorium dioxide exposure, and opioid abuse)
 - What are the risk factors that are causing liver cancer in our region?
 - Why are some populations disproportionately affected?
- Education to prevent and detect liver cancer when most treatable, including those focused on Hepatitis C prevention and treatment

All projects must have the potential to leverage pilot funding into an extramural grant application.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Washington, D.C., has the nation's highest liver cancer death rate. D.C. also leads the nation in infection rates for hepatitis C and HIV, two prominent risk factors for liver cancer.

Any full-time, regular faculty member **who is a member of the GW Cancer Center** is eligible to submit an application for a pilot award. Awards may be from any discipline and may be laboratory and/or translational in scope. Awards should lead to competitive, peer-reviewed, external grant applications that bring sustained funding. You may call the GW Cancer Center administrative offices to confirm membership at (202)-994-0329. For those seeking to apply, the GW Cancer Center Membership Application can be found at <http://www.gwumc.edu/smhs/gwcc/member/>.

Preferential review will be given to the following:

- Research that is focused on the epidemiology of liver cancer
- Projects that focus on the education to prevent, screen and provide early detection of liver cancer
- Projects that focus on subpopulations in the DC region that are disproportionately affected by liver cancer

Up to 2 research proposals will be funded up to \$30,000 each. Application forms and instructions can be found at <https://go.gwu.edu/gwcc Katzenpilot>. **Only this application form will be accepted.**

The application should be in Arial font, 11-pt or larger and is limited to 3 pages, including figures but not including references. Within 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: Submit NIH biosketches of the Principal Investigator and any key personnel. Collaborative, cross-disciplinary projects are encouraged.

Apply and view other open funding opportunities: <https://go.gwu.edu/gwcckatzenpilot>

Applications are due no later than 4:00 pm on January 30, 2019. For questions and for submissions, contact Leo Schargorodski at lschargorodski@mfa.gwu.edu.

Requirements upon funding: Project period is April 1, 2019 - March 30, 2020. A progress report will be due in September of 2019 describing study progress and financial stewardship. Projects that have not made significant progress may be discontinued. A final report will be due April 30, 2020.