



## GW CANCER CENTER/KATZEN PILOT AWARD PROGRAM

### Population Sciences and Policy Program Enhancement Award

The George Washington University (GW) Cancer Center is pleased to announce targeted pilot awards for projects that directly advance the scientific themes of the Population Sciences and Policy Program. This initiative is intended to 1) support our community of scientists in conducting rigorous, impactful cancer-relevant research and obtaining additional extramural funding; and 2) expand our network of scientists and collaborations addressing cancer-relevant research.

Applications may be from any discipline but should propose high-impact cancer-related or cancer-relevant research. Applicants should consider the broad cancer continuum (e.g., prevention to survivorship), health inequities, and the entire lifespan (e.g., childhood, aging) and should propose work that generally falls into one of the following categories:

- **Cancer Epidemiology:** Describe the cancer burden, identify multilevel risk factors, and identify cancer control opportunities.
- **Interventions:** Investigate, implement and evaluate interventions and strategies to reduce cancer risk and enhance early detection across the life course and throughout the cancer continuum.
- **Quality of Care:** Evaluate the impact of health care interventions and systems-focused metrics that improve the quality of care received by cancer patients.

**Eligibility:** Any full-time, regular faculty member who is a **member of the GW Cancer Center's Population Sciences and Policy Program** is eligible to apply for a pilot award.

- You may call the GW Cancer Center office to confirm membership (202-994-0329).
- For those seeking to apply, the GW Cancer Center Membership Application can be found at [gwumc.edu/smhs/gwcc/member](http://gwumc.edu/smhs/gwcc/member). Be sure to apply for membership immediately if you are considering applying for a pilot award, as the membership application does require time to be processed.

**Criteria:** Review criteria largely align with NIH review criteria (i.e., Significance, Investigator, Innovation, Approach). Additional criteria are listed below:

- **Future Funding:** Provide an explicit plan/vision for what the proposed research will accomplish and how it will lead to *competitive, peer-reviewed, external grant applications that bring sustained funding*.
- **Catchment Area Relevance:** The GW Cancer Center strategically supports research that has high relevance and the potential for high-impact on its catchment area, Washington, D.C. and its surrounding communities (Virginia, Maryland). Please be explicit about how the proposed work is relevant to the catchment area. Relevance could be articulated in several ways, including: catchment specific cancer

disparities/cancer risk (i.e., HIV and infectious-related cancers, breast, prostate, lung, liver and myeloma); key populations or inequities (i.e., Black, LGBTQ, Latino); and/or key risk factors (e.g., HIV/HPV, tobacco use, obesity, health care access/utilization).

- **Applicants/Investigators:** In addition to typical review criteria considered regarding the investigative team, please note that: 1) new investigators, new applicants, and/or new GW Cancer Center members are strongly encouraged to apply; and 2) more senior investigators or those who have previously received a GW Cancer Center pilot award are eligible but strongly encouraged to include new investigators and/or new collaborators, particularly with GW Cancer Center members in this program or in others (i.e., Cancer Biology, Cancer Immunology and Microbial Oncology, Cancer Engineering and Technology).

It is anticipated that 3-4 research proposals will be funded ranging up to \$50,000 each. Funding may be used for research staff time and/or non-personnel expenses critical for implementation of the study. Non-allowable expenses include faculty salary support, travel (unless required to conduct the research), conference fees, equipment and indirect expenses.

**Please adhere to the requirements below.** Failure to do so will result in refusal/ineligibility of the application. Please follow the structure of the application document and include the following items:

- **Title Page:** Provide grant title, PI(s) and Co-I(s), and contact information.
- **Key Personnel Biographical Sketches:** Please provide for the Principal Investigator(s), Co-Investigators, and any key personnel. Each biosketch is limited to five pages each.
- **Research Plan:** The applications should be in Arial font, 11-pt or larger, at least 0.5-inch margins, and limited to **5 pages**, including tables/figures but not including references. Within the 5 pages, be sure to include:
  - Specific aims, significance, innovation, approach and timeline
  - Assets of the environment, community collaborators, etc. to support project success
  - Impact/significance/relevance of the project to catchment area needs
  - Plan for/likelihood of obtaining extramural funding from pilot findings
- **Budget Justification:** Please provide a detailed budget for the initial project period.

**Applications are due no later than 4:00 pm on March 13, 2020. Submit a single Word or PDF package by the application due date via email to [lschargorodski@mfa.gwu.edu](mailto:lschargorodski@mfa.gwu.edu).**

**Requirements upon funding:** The project period is June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021. A progress report will be due December 31, 2020 describing study progress and financial stewardship. Projects that have not made significant progress may be discontinued. Projects that have made significant progress but have not been completed by the end of the project period can request a no-cost extension to complete the work. A final report will be due August 1, 2021.

**Contact:** For questions and for submissions, contact Leo Schargorodski at [lschargorodski@mfa.gwu.edu](mailto:lschargorodski@mfa.gwu.edu).