

2019 Breast Cancer Research Partnership Grant Request for Proposals

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 - Proposals Due: July 8, 2019, 5pm DST
 - Notice of Award Date: August 19, 2019
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Description

It's The Journey, A Cure in Our Lifetime and Georgia CORE have created a partnership to fund innovative and impactful breast cancer research in Georgia through the 2019 Breast Cancer Research Partnership Award. Collectively these organizations have awarded over \$25 million for breast cancer care and research in Georgia. The 2019 Breast Cancer Research Award is designed to stimulate research of scientific importance on metastatic or triple negative breast cancer by Georgia investigators based on a uniform process for scientific review of applications. Investigators affiliated with Georgia-based institutions are encouraged to develop a sound, innovative research plan based on research priorities of the National Cancer Institute/National Institutes of Health. Minority and women investigators are encouraged to apply. Collaboration among researchers, academic institutions or cancer-related organizations is highly valued.

Eligibility

Georgia-based institutions with principal investigators who reside in Georgia are eligible to apply. Awards are made to institutions and not to individual investigators. No grants will be made for studies that have budgetary overlap with grants supported by other agencies. All applicants will be required to obtain IRB approval and comply with local and federal requirements for research including protection of human subjects.

Funds Available and Grant Awards

One grant award of \$100,000 will be funded equally by the three partners. It's The Journey's funding is derived from proceeds of the Georgia 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer and It's The Journey Georgia Giving Gala. A Cure in Our Lifetime's funding is derived from a fundraising breakfast and Georgia CORE's funding comes from the Georgia State Income Tax Fund for Cancer. Grants are for one year and are not transferable. Requests for indirect costs may not exceed 10% of the total budget. Grants will be paid in two installments: 50% at the time of the award and 50% with the submission and satisfactory review of a 6-month progress report. The second installment may be withheld if it is determined that satisfactory progress has not been made and appropriate resolution cannot be reached.

Institutional Responsibilities

A successful applicant institution is expected to provide the salary and facilities for the principal investigator. Upon acceptance of a grant award, the applicant enters into a partnership agreement and assumes legal and financial responsibility for awarded funds and the conduct of supported activities. It is

the responsibility of the recipient institution and principal investigator to assure the accuracy and validity of all fiscal, scientific, and administrative information pertaining to the award. Any proposed changes in the research or budget must be approved by the funding partnership. Progress reports are required at 6 months and 12 months.

Acknowledgement of Support and Investigator Participation

The grant recipient will be required to acknowledge support from each of the partners -- It's The Journey, A Cure in Our Lifetime and Georgia CORE -- in promotional materials, presentations or publications. The investigator will be invited to attend an awards ceremony and may be invited to present and discuss research at educational meetings.

Scientific Review Process and Considerations

The scientific review process will be managed by Georgia CORE. A Scientific Review Committee of researchers, physician investigators will be convened to critique and score all applications and a survivor will be selected to review and comment. Applications will be evaluated for potential to advance metastatic or triple negative breast cancer research in Georgia; rating criteria will include scientific importance, innovation, potential impact, investigator and institutional capacity, collaboration and inclusion of disparate populations. Funding decisions based on the results of the scientific review and the survivor comments will be made by the three organizations of the Breast Cancer Research Partnership; their decision is final.

Application Format and Contents

Applications should be prepared using 12-point font, 1.5 spacing (Times New Roman), with one-inch margins on numbered pages. The application must address the following categories in a maximum of 10 pages.

- Cover Page with Contact Information
- Scientific Abstract
- Lay Abstract (Use a plain language that is understandable to the general public as it is referenced in the plain language act of 2010: <https://www.plainlanguage.gov/>)
- Project Description
 - Specific Aims
 - Significance to Breast Cancer Research
 - Preliminary Studies (if appropriate, though not required)
 - Experimental Design and Methods
 - IRB of Record and Status
 - Plan for Publication or Dissemination
- Literature Cited (not included in 10 page limit)
- Budget Request and Narrative
- Biographical Sketch of Principal Investigator
- Appendices (if appropriate, not included in 10 page limit)

Submission: Completed application materials should be submitted electronically as a PDF file to Jigsa Tola jtola@georgiacore.org no later than 5:00 pm EST on July 8, 2018. Program inquiries may be addressed to Nancy Paris by email at nparis@georgiacore.org or at 404-588-4083.