Winship Invest$: Request for Pilot Grant Proposals
Winter 2019

Winship Cancer Institute is releasing the Winter 2019 Request for Pilot Grant Proposals for its Winship Invest$ program. Winship Invest$ is a peer-reviewed program providing pilot funding for novel, innovative cancer research projects. This program enables Winship investigators to obtain preliminary data and results for publication and for subsequent peer-reviewed funding applications. Winship Invest$ has two funding opportunities every year. Successful applications are supported by philanthropic contributions to Winship and by developmental funds from the Winship’s NCI Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG).

Proposals with a budget of up to $50,000 for one year may be considered for Winship Invest$ (unless otherwise stated for specific research domains). Successful applicants will be expected to appropriately reference Winship in all acknowledgements as well as provide progress and final reports upon request.

Investigators may submit only one proposal to the Winship Invest$ Request for Pilot Grant Proposals (RFP) per funding cycle. The current Winship Invest$ RFP seeks applications in the following research domains:

**Winship Invest$ Research Domains:**

1. **Team Science-Based Research**: Will support collaborative efforts that leverage the strengths and expertise of two or more PIs from at least two Winship research programs. Proposals will be considered for budgets up to $100K for one year with the potential of renewal upon successful completion of the first year. Proposals must submit one integrated budget and have at least two PIs who contribute substantially to the proposal and its execution.

2. **Investigator Initiated Clinical Trials** – Will support novel new investigator-initiated Winship clinical trials. Trials should be designed in order to meet a specific need of the Winship patient population and be ready for submission through the regulatory process at the time of application.

3. **Cancer Genetics and Epigenetics (CGE) Research Program**
   The CGE Research Program will consider applications with the following emphases:
   a. **New Intraprogrammatic Activities**: Proposals that stimulate NEW intra-programmatic team science activities. Must have 2 or more CGE Program members, each of whom has a substantial intellectual contribution to the project and who have not previously worked together (eg. no collaborative grants/published papers). CGE Program emphases include: cellular responses to genomic insults, cancer epigenetics, and cancer genomics. *Cross theme interactions are highly encouraged.*

   b. **New Translational Work**: Proposals that have the potential to stimulate NEW translational research. Must make use of human tissues/populations. Inter-programmatic proposals with members of the DDT and CPC Programs with investigators who have not previously worked together (eg. no collaborative grants/published papers) are highly encouraged.

**Winship Invest$ Eligibility Criteria and Application Requirements:**

1. Pilot projects will be awarded to active Winship members. To maintain active membership status, the following criteria must be met:
   a. Attendance of at least 50% to published meetings of the research program to which he/she belongs;
   b. Maintenance of a good financial standing with Winship;
   c. Acknowledgement of the Winship Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG) on all publications resulting from services in one or more Winship Shared Resources;
   d. Acknowledgement of the appropriate pilot funding source on all publications resulting from work supported by the Winship Invest$ Program.
2. Winship members can receive only one pilot project award in a given year, and may not submit more than one proposal through any RFP.

3. Salary support for the principal investigator is not allowed except for junior faculty at the rank of Assistant Professor and below.

4. All proposals must include a clear plan for subsequent extramural grant submissions as a result of the work proposed.

5. Data Management - Proposals must include a plan to maintain research data in Redcap or other secure data management system (if relevant) with quality control and stored on the Emory system with back-up and potential for data sharing. Consultation for data sharing plans with the Winship Research Informatics Shared Resource are recommended. (https://winshipcancer.emory.edu/research/shared-resources/winship-research-informatics.html)

6. **Clinical Research** proposals can only be submitted by MDs, MD/PhDs, or RN/PhDs. All clinical research awardees are expected to follow clinical research guidelines set by Emory IRB, Winship Clinical Trials SOPs and the Winship Clinical and Translational Research Committee, and must satisfy clinical research training requirements. Proposals must include the following:
   a. A Human Subjects Research document
   b. Winship CTRC Application
   c. Clinical Protocol and Informed Consent Form
   d. A plan to maintain clinical research data in Oncore or through the support of the Winship Informatics Shared Resource

7. Proposals which include *in vivo* studies must include a:
   a. Section addressing *Vertebrate Animals* research;
   b. IACUC protocol (draft to be submitted or IACUC-approved protocol)

8. Members receiving funding are expected to submit progress reports to the Winship Executive Committee. Specific instructions on due dates of reports are provided at the time of funding.

9. Letter of Intent: The Letter of Intent should identify the PI, all potential co-investigators and/or collaborators on the project, the research program of the applicant, the research domain for which the project is to be considered, a proposed title and a brief description of the proposed research project. Letters of Intent should be no longer than two pages.

Letters of Intent should be uploaded as a single document to https://intranet.winship.emory.edu/pilotgrant no later than 5:00pm on Friday, December 21st, 2018. Please direct any questions you have regarding this funding opportunity to Mr. Jeff Mills (404-727-3634 or via e-mail at jeff.mills@emory.edu).

**Key Dates:**  
**Cycle 6**  
RFP Announcement: 12/05/2018  
Letter of Intent: 12/21/2018  
Application receipt date: 02/01/2019  
Anticipated start date: 04/01/2019