Thanks to generous gifts from the Senior Men’s Golf Association of Dunwoody Country Club and the Club’s John Kauffman Prostate Cancer Golf Event, Winship Cancer Institute is pleased to announce a prostate cancer research pilot grant opportunity for Winship Members.

Innovative proposals that address prostate cancer research including but not limited to basic or translational research, investigator initiated clinical trials (related IRB submission must be either in review or approved), health disparities, imaging, survivorship or quality of life will be considered for funding. Proposals from Winship members at institutions outside of Emory are highly encouraged.

The Winship prostate cancer pilot grant opportunity is designed to enhance the development of a robust prostate cancer research program at Winship. It is expected that the submitted proposal will lead to the submission of extramural grant proposals seeking peer-reviewed funding from the National Institutes of Health, American Cancer Society, Veteran’s Administration, Department of Defense, Prostate Cancer Foundation, Movember Foundation, or other federal, state, public or private agencies. Collaboration between separate departments/operating units of Winship Cancer Institute and/or the broader Woodruff Health Sciences Center is strongly encouraged and will be prioritized as a proposal review criterion.

Eligibility Criteria:
- PI’s should hold a faculty appointment at the rank of senior associate, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor or professor.
- At time of funding, PI’s must be an active Winship Member in good standing or have applied for Winship Membership.

Proposals for up to $50,000/year for a term of one year will be considered. Funding will be distributed (minus a 10% assessment) in two installments: one-half of the total award prior to the award start date, and the remainder subsequent to presentation of the project at the monthly Prostate Cancer Seminar Series, and submission of a progress report before the mid-term of the project period. A final report is due at the conclusion of the award (to be completed by one year) and should address whether the original aims of the pilot project have been met and offer the likelihood of project expansion into further prostate cancer research.

Key Dates:
- RFP Launch Date: Monday, January 13, 2020
- Application Receipt Date: Monday, March 2, 2020
- Anticipated Start Date: Monday, June 1, 2020
- Progress Report Receipt Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020
- Pilot Project End Date (funding termination): Monday, May 31, 2021
Format of Application:
1. Cover letter - describes how this proposal will impact cancer research and fulfills the goals of the RFP, including a statement of cancer relevance and future extramural funding plans.
2. Technical Abstract (one page) - Briefly describe the nature of the problem to be addressed, the scope of the project and the approach - include a clear statement for potential impact/significance in the field of prostate cancer research.
3. Project Narrative (5-page limit, Arial 11pt font, inclusive of figures) – describe the proposed project in detail.
   a. Specific Aims
   b. Background and Significance
   c. Preliminary Studies (this section optional)
   d. Research Design and Methods
   e. Plans for Extramural Grant Submission
   f. Data Management
   g. Timeline
   h. Literature Cited (not included in the 5-page limit)
4. Clinical Research (if applicable)
   a. Human Subjects Research
5. Vertebrate Animals (if applicable)
   a. IACUC approval
6. Detailed one-year budget
7. Budget Justification
8. Biosketch – Principal Investigator and co-investigators only. Standard NIH format.
9. Letters of Support (if any)
10. Appendix (IACUC or Clinical Research Protocols and/or Protocol Approvals only)

Completed applications should be submitted to https://intranet.winship.emory.edu/pilotgrant no later than 5:00pm on Monday, March 2, 2020. 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).

Funds Available and Allowable Costs:
Example: $50,000 per year minus 10% assessment (-$5,000) = $45,000 available funds
The intent is to provide salary support, travel, and/or research expenses for the proposed project. Allowable costs include: partial salary support and fringe benefits for the PI, and/or laboratory personnel, laboratory reagents and supplies and other research expenses, domestic travel to present research findings (not to exceed $1500). Equipment purchases in excess of $5,000 are not allowed. F&A/Overhead cost are not allowed.

Review Process:
Applications will be subject to scientific peer review by a multi-disciplinary panel of experts drawn from the Winship membership at large.

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