

\$50K-\$200K Gift Funding Opportunity for School of Medicine Faculty

Emerson Collective Cancer Research Fund Request for Proposals

Overview

The Emerson Collective is proud to announce another round of funding for cancer research. The Emerson Collective Cancer Research Fund is requesting individual or team proposals for research projects related, but not limited to, immunotherapy, 'high risk/high reward' initiatives, KRAS targeting, or antibody therapies. Positive criteria include the potential of a project to significantly impact our understanding of and/or approaches to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of cancer.

Timeline

- Proposals due: March 1, 2018 5 p.m. (see proposal submission guidelines below)
- Award Decisions: May 1, 2018
- Funding available: June 1, 2018
- Six-month progress report due: December 1, 2018
- Final report due: One month after the end of the grant period

Amount of Funding:

Gift awards range from \$50,000 up to \$200,000. It may be possible to apply for renewal with additional funding on subsequent RFP rounds.

Eligibility

This RFP is open to all faculty in the School of Medicine.

Criteria

A team of Emerson Collective Cancer Research Fund employees and associates will evaluate the applicant pool. Applicants will be evaluated on the following positive criteria:

- 1) The audacity and innovation of the research proposal. Incremental research will not be funded.
- 2) The potential of the proposed research to affect multiple cancer types
- 3) The potential to translate said research into further experiments, and clinical trials
- 4) The applicant's lack of resources to pursue the proposed research
- 5) Compliance with a two-year maximum timeframe for research

The applicant's prior experimental track record will not be the principal determining factor in evaluation. Finalists may also be interviewed prior to a funding decision.

Questions? Contact Person

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PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

By March 1, 2018, 5 p.m. Applications should be sent as a single pdf to foundationrelations@johnshopkins.edu. The email subject line should include: "Emerson Collective Submission"

1) Title Page

Emerson Collective Cancer Research Fund-Request for Proposals Project title:

PI name, title, department, address, phone, email address

Co-PI(s) name, title, department, address, phone, email address

2) Research Proposal Guidelines (up to 4 pages)

Format: single-spaced, 1/2 inch margins, Arial or Helvetica size 11 or larger. References and illustrations are not included in the 4-page limit.

Investigators are free to organize information as they choose, providing at least one page of lay overview. An overview of a proposed budget and budget justification are also required as a part of the research proposal. A recommended outline includes:

- Lay Overview (at least one page)
- Specific Aims
- Background and Significance
- Innovation and Methods
- Budget
- Milestones
- Follow-up plans, proposals, and implications

Funding is available to support personnel, supplies, equipment, and other general costs associated with the project. Provide a categorical budget outline for the project. A 15% infrastructure charge applies to the project costs and should be included in your budget request. Total budget request including the infrastructure should not exceed \$200K.

All proposed budgeting must conform to the general policies of the institution.

3) For PI and Co-PI(s): Brief CVs describing their educational background, positions held, and key publications.

Acceptance or Rejection

This RFP is not an offer to contract. Acceptance of a proposal neither commits Emerson Collective to award a contract to any supplier nor limits Emerson's rights to 1) accept or reject any proposals part or in whole; 2) request further clarification on any specific response, omission or claim made in a response to the RFP; 3) to further evaluate one or more proposals via additional interviews/presentations, or other additional criteria; and 4) to further negotiate the terms submitted in a proposal, including price, prior to the final award.