



DANA-FARBER/HARVARD SPORE IN BREAST CANCER

Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE)
An NCI funded program

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS: Career Development Award

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 9:00AM – Friday, October 30, 2009

- Eligibility:** MD, PhD or equivalent - Harvard or MIT faculty-level instructor or above or a senior faculty member changing area of interest to concentrate on breast cancer research. Underserved minority applications are encouraged.
- Purpose:** An Award providing funding to young faculty members or senior faculty interested in entering breast cancer research.
- Focus:** Breast Cancer Research
- Objectives:** Clinical, population, or lab-based research. Your Proposal should involve clinical subjects or clinical specimens. The use of the Breast Cancer SPORE Cores or DF/HCC Core Resources is encouraged.
- Mandatory:** Commitment to the Breast SPORE must be stated. The Awardee is expected to participate in Breast SPORE meetings, retreats and use of our Cores.
- Range of Awards:** \$50,000 DIRECT COSTS annually (plus applicable indirect costs per your institution's federally negotiated rate). Funds for this award should be spent by August 31, 2010 (the end of the grant period).
- Selection Process:** a review committee will make the award based on these criteria:
- ❖ Translational scientific merit
 - ❖ Applicant's potential for independence and a career in breast cancer research
 - ❖ Likelihood of the applicant remaining in breast cancer research
 - ❖ Quality of the mentoring environment and the statement of support from the Mentor (or collaborator for a senior faculty member).
 - ❖ Training and academic record
 - ❖ Program needs of the Breast SPORE
 - ❖ Enthusiasm by the applicant for the Breast SPORE mission and goals
 - ❖ Potential for authentic individual engagement in Breast SPORE activities.

Application materials:

- **Nominating letter:** from a Harvard or a MIT senior faculty member, who will outline the career path for the candidate. If the Mentor is not a breast cancer researcher, it is encouraged that the candidate identify a member of the Breast SPORE or DF/HCC Breast Program to help him or her steer their career award and research toward breast cancer-related research. It is understood that not all projects will be focused on breast cancer exclusively.
- Candidate's **Harvard-format CV**
- Candidates **statement of career goals and plan** (1 page maximum)
- Candidate's **Translational Scientific Proposal:** 1-3 pages (on submissions submitted longer than the 3-page maximum, the review will concentrate on the first three pages only). No addendums or appendices will be given to the review committee.
- **Brief Budget:** categorizing expenditures for balance of year ending on 8/31/10. **FOR INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN DFCI,** PLEASE HAVE YOUR INSTITUTION SIGN OFF ON THE BUDGET.
- E-mail application materials in a **single PDF file** to: donald_watson@dfci.harvard.edu

NO SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WILL BE ACCEPTED. ADHERENCE TO THE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS IS MANDATORY FOR INCLUSION IN THE REVIEW.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Watson at 617-632-4501 or donald_watson@dfci.harvard.edu