



DANA-FARBER/HARVARD SPORE IN BREAST CANCER

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

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: Developmental Project Awards (Pilot Projects)

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

- Eligibility:** Harvard/MIT level of Instructor or above (exception for closely mentored individuals with non-traditional appointments and very senior fellows). Underserved minority faculty applications encouraged. In certain closely mentored relationships, a non-faculty investigator may apply, if they receive a written endorsement from their senior faculty sponsor. Also, applications from staff scientists that are permanent members of a research department and very experienced would be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Purpose:** Funding small projects that will be completed within this current grant year. Investigators are encouraged to utilize these funds to develop data needed for preparation of longer term funding mechanisms.
- Focus:** The applicant must defend the importance of the proposed research for patients with breast cancer.
- Objectives:** Translational research; however, pure laboratory investigations will be considered for a translational project starting point.
- 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:** \$20,000 - \$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).
 - A consortium of Investigators may apply for an award.
- Selection Process:** a review committee will make the award based on these criteria:
- ❖ Translational scientific merit. include an appropriate background statement of impact and methods
 - ❖ Impact on breast cancer patients: the application should draw a distinction, even if theoretical, between impact on diagnosis, treatment or prevention of breast cancer.
 - ❖ Potential for future independent funding based upon the preliminary data developed by this award. We would like the investigator-initiated projects to lead to self-sustaining funding or possibly inclusion in the Breast SPORE in a more permanent way. Submit a statement of strategy regarding how this pilot project funding might lead to more stable funding.
 - ❖ Integration and Collaboration: Priority for collaborative arrangements and use of SPORE or Cancer Center Core resources
 - ❖ Enthusiasm for the SPORE mission and participation in SPORE activities
- Application materials:**
- **Proposal Concept:** 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.
 - **Budget:** expenditures for balance of year ending on 8/31/10. **FOR INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN DFCI, PLEASE HAVE YOUR INSTITUTION SIGN OFF ON THE BUDGET.**
 - **NIH biosketch**
 - E-mail submission as **a single PDF file** to: donald_watson@dfci.harvard.edu

NO SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WILL BE ACCEPTED. LIMIT: ONE APPLICATION PER PERSON. ADHERENCE TO THESE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS IS ENFORCED FOR INCLUSION IN THE REVIEW.

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