

**DANA-FARBER/HARVARD CANCER CENTER SPORE IN PROSTATE CANCER**

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

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS:****Developmental Research Award****APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2024**

The Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Specialized Program in Research Excellence (SPORE) in Prostate Cancer seeks applications for Developmental Research Awards in Prostate Cancer Research. The DRP is designed to support innovative pilot projects in prostate cancer research. Projects are intended to advance a new idea or concept that has the potential to substantially impact our understanding of prostate cancer, and ultimately influence clinical care.

**Eligible** candidates are faculty at Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health, or local collaborating institutions (MIT, UMass Boston, Boston Medical Center, Boston VA) at the level of Instructor or higher. Women and investigators from underrepresented ethnic and racial groups are encouraged to apply. Research may span the disciplines of basic biology, treatment science, population studies, or outcomes research. However, all basic research must have a plan for translation to humans, since the purpose of this program is to promote translational research in prostate cancer. Applications will be judged on their scientific merit and the potential for contribution to the overall status of the DF/HCC Prostate Cancer SPORE.

The awardee will receive one year of funding (\$50,000 direct costs plus F&A at applicant institution's federally negotiated rate) with an option to renew for a second year based on project progress and funding need (for total of \$100,000 in direct costs). Funds may be used for salary and/or support of research. Funding provided should be spent within the budgeted time period. Projects that address matters relevant to underrepresented racial and ethnic groups are encouraged. The individual would become a member of the DF/HCC Prostate Cancer Program and be expected to attend and present at SPORE activities (meetings, retreats, research presentations).

*Note: some of the projects will be funded entirely by the NCI SPORE, which allow the organizations to request indirect costs (IDC). Others may be funded on the Institutional Commitment Fund, which does not allow for IDC.*

**Selection Criteria:** A review committee will make the award based on these criteria:

- Scientific quality
- Potential for clinical application
- Qualifications of the investigators
- Innovation
- Likelihood of progress toward independent funding
- Programmatic needs of the SPORE

For pre-submission inquiries, contact any of the program leads: Matthew Freedman ([matthew\\_freedman@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:matthew_freedman@dfci.harvard.edu)), Mark Pomerantz ([mark\\_pomerantz@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:mark_pomerantz@dfci.harvard.edu)), Adam Kibel ([AKIBEL@bwh.harvard.edu](mailto:AKIBEL@bwh.harvard.edu)), Misha Beltran ([himisha\\_beltran@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:himisha_beltran@dfci.harvard.edu)), or Steven Balk ([sbalk@bidmc.harvard.edu](mailto:sbalk@bidmc.harvard.edu)).

**Proposal Submission:** Please e-mail the following materials in a single PDF file to Candi Deblay at [CandiL\\_Deblay@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:CandiL_Deblay@dfci.harvard.edu) by **May 15, 2024**.

- **Abstract** (250-word limit)
- **Research plan** (5-page limit, not including abstract and references) including Specific Aims, Background, Preliminary Data, Approach, section on Potential for Translational Impact, and Anticipated Timeline. Please include a section on how the project might work with other SPORE investigators/Cores (Biospecimen Core, Biostatistics/Computational Core).
- **Applicant's Biosketch** (NIH Format – 5-page limit)
- **Statement of Intent (signed by Authorized Organization Official)/Statement of Work**
- **Budget**
- **Budget Justification**

**Additional Questions:** please contact Candi Deblay at [CandiL\\_Deblay@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:CandiL_Deblay@dfci.harvard.edu).