

Instructions for Pilot Projects in New Collaborative Initiatives 2018

Up to 5 awards will be funded in 2018. One-year pilot grants of \$75,000 will provide support for operating expenses, minor equipment and/or support for staff / lab personnel, but not for the PI's or collaborators' salary for either MD, PhD investigators. Funds are not to be used for large items of specialized equipment. Faculty at all ranks are eligible, and new investigator applications are especially welcomed. Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are not eligible.

Awards will be made for one year only. If the applicant receives significant funding for the targeted research through other mechanisms, i.e., R01 or K-awards, funding will be adjusted or terminated depending on the amount of the award. While investigators may participate in multiple projects, only one application may be submitted from each Principal Investigator.

Proposals will be limited to 4 pages and include the following:

- Research Plan with Specific Aims (up to 3 pages)
- Description of Innovation: How is the proposed concept new and transformative? (~0.5 page)
- Description of Research Team, including an outline of the specific roles of the lead and any co-PIs (~0.25 page)
- Plans for Future Funding (~0.25 page)

Additional information that should be submitted, but is not included in the 4 page limit includes:

- Cover Page that includes the Title, PI, co-PI, Institution(s), Department(s), and all co-investigators
- NIH Biosketches for all key personnel (up to 5 pages each)
- References Cited
- One-page budget with categories and justification (note PI and co-PI salary support and travel are excluded). Usage of core facilities must include Case Comprehensive Cancer Center cores rather than cores at distant institutions.

Review Criteria:

- An effective investigative team is engaged in the project.
- The project is conceptually novel and has the potential to be transformative.
- Project addresses an important biological, clinical, or population-based research problem.
- Research plan is impactful and appropriately designed.
- The project and research team have a high likelihood for future funding from national sources.

Obligations of Awardees:

- Timely submission of data and stewardship reports upon request from the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Participation in meetings of the aligned program.
- Presentation of Progress in Cancer Center-sponsored symposia.

Please submit all materials to casecccpilots@case.edu by Friday, August 17, 2018