

### **Instructions for Pilot Projects in Cancer Disparities Research**

One-year pilot grants of \$50,000 will provide support for highly innovative and impactful disparities-focused proposals that will generate key data for larger, nationally competitive grants. Funds can be requested to support lab supplies, operating expenses, minor equipment and/or support for staff / lab personnel, but not for the PI's or collaborators' salary. Funds are not to be used for special equipment. Faculty at all ranks are eligible, and new investigator applications are especially welcomed. Proposals that include intra and inter programmatic collaboration among Cancer Center members are encouraged. 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 Programmatic Alignment: How is the research complementary to the goals of identifying, understanding, and/or addressing cancer disparities? (~0.25 page)
- Description of Research Team, including an outline of the specific roles of the lead and any co-PIs (~0.5 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)
- Letter from the PI's Program Leader indicating alignment with the Program's Strategic Plan
- References Cited
- One-page budget with categories and justification (note PI and co-PI salary support and travel are excluded). Usage of shared resources must include Case Comprehensive Cancer Center shared resources rather than shared resources at distant institutions.

#### **Review Criteria:**

- A collaborative, multi-investigator team is engaged in the project.
- The project is aligned with one or more scientific initiatives/programs within the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Project addresses an important biological, clinical, or population-based research problem.
- Research plan is innovative, impactful, and is 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 in the 2019 Cancer Disparities Symposium.

**Please submit all materials to [casecccpilots@case.edu](mailto:casecccpilots@case.edu) by Monday, July 2, 2018.**