



CASE
COMPREHENSIVE
CANCER CENTER



REQUEST FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

Case Specialized Program of Research Excellence in Gastrointestinal Malignancies
(CASE GI SPORE)

GI SPORE Developmental Research Project (DRP) Grant

Governing Policies for GI SPORE Developmental Research Projects:

1. Developmental Research Projects, up to \$50,000 direct, will be awarded for one year each with the possibility of second year funding, pending outstanding progress and development, subject to competitive review with all other pilot projects submitted at that time. DRPs will not be funded by this mechanism beyond 2 years.
2. Developmental Research Projects must have a translational research focus on GI Cancer.
3. Although DRPs need not reach a human endpoint during the proposed project period, all projects must have a clearly defined translational potential.
4. Developmental Research Projects are encouraged (but not required) to have two lead investigators with one being basic and the other clinical. To encourage submission of projects from investigators who may not be familiar with complimentary investigators, DRPs may be submitted by individual investigators representing either basic or clinical science, however if the project is identified as meritorious and selected for funding, then the IAB will seek to identify potential collaborators or advisors in the alternate discipline, basic or clinical, to ensure optimal consideration of translational opportunities.

Plans to Stimulate Research Activity in New Areas of GI Cancer

DRP proposals will be considered for any GI malignancy, priority consideration will be given to proposals focused on non-colorectal GI malignancies. **Developmental Research Projects in the area of Pancreatic Cancer are encouraged.**

GI SPORE DRP Eligibility

All Case Western Reserve University faculty with an appointment at the Assistant Professor level or higher are eligible to apply for DRP funding. This includes faculty at all 10 schools throughout the university and/or affiliated healthcare centers. Investigators at the Instructor level will be considered eligible, if applications are accompanied by letters of support from department chairs indicating commitment to faculty positions at the Assistant Professor level by the time scheduled for pilot project initiation.

All applications require department sign off to ensure the investigators have sufficient protected research time and facilities to conduct the proposed research.



Projects may be collaborative with investigators from other institutions especially those with GI SPORES, but at least one investigator must be a CWRU faculty member.

Applicants are not required to be members of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the time of application. However, any CWRU faculty awarded funding for a DRP will be required to become a Cancer Center member and participate regularly in Cancer Center academic activities.

Project Application

GI SPORE DRP Applications must conform to the following guidelines:

1. Cover page listing contact information for PI and faculty collaborators
2. Proposal (5 pages) in length (excluding references) as follows: (29000 characters with spaces, Arial font, 11)
 - a. Specific aims (1 page)
 - b. Background and significance (1-2 pages)
 - c. Experimental Design (2-3 pages)
3. NIH biosketches for all faculty participants
4. Detailed budget in NIH Budget Format

Completed proposals must be emailed to Suzanne Morris, sxm1068@case.edu

Application deadline: May 15, 2019

GI SPORE DRP Allowable Costs

Allowable costs are outlined below:

- \$50,000 maximum direct cost per year
- Research supplies
- Equipment less than \$5,000
- Salary support for post-doctoral or technical personnel
- No faculty salary support, travel, journal subscriptions, society memberships or renovations are allowed.
- No indirect costs transferred to departments, other schools outside of School of Medicine or other institutions

Expectation of Funded Projects

- Establishment of co-investigators-advisors to ensure translational considerations
- Prompt IRB or IACUC application and approval
- Prompt initiation of research project
- Quarterly operational status reports at GI SPORE Meetings
- Semi-annual presentation of research progress reports at biweekly GI SPORE Executive Committee Meeting
- Annual written progress reports for 5 years

- Annual presentation at SPORE annual retreat, attended by the SPORE IAB
- Annual follow-up
- Progress reports of research developments, presentations, publications and progress toward achieving translational goals and independent funding.
- Attendance and participation at regular GI SPORE Meetings
- Attendance and participation in Comprehensive Cancer Center annual retreat
- Use of GI SPORE and Cancer Center Core Facilities where appropriate.
- Review by GI SPORE Biostatistics Core of plans before starting and data before presentation or publication
- Acknowledgement of support by the Cancer Center and GI SPORE in all publications and presentations

Notes

More information on the GI SPORE at:

<https://case.edu/cancer/research/gispore>

More information on the grant application available through Suzanne Morris, sxm1068@case.edu, 216.368.1976.