

# 2024 Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center

## HHM Program: Pilot Project Proposals Supporting Your Next Grant Submission

The IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center (IUSCCC) Hematopoiesis & Hematological Malignancies (HHM) Program is inviting proposals from members with a focus on work that could become an NCI R01 in the near future. **Primary PI of the Project must be an HHM member; Projects can be a collaborative effort with team members from other Research Programs, but the primary/contact PI must be an HHM member.**

Proposals will be funded for up to \$50,000 based on project need. The goal of this RFA is to fund projects that will lead to submission of competitive NCI R01 or MPI NCI R01 prior to or at the end of 12 months of RFA funding.

**Notice of Intent:** Applicants must send an email to Crystal Baker ([crybanks@iupui.edu](mailto:crybanks@iupui.edu)) declaring their intent to apply. Please include the names of all collaborators/team members as well as a 1-2 sentence description of the project (or project title). Applicants' eligibility will be reviewed and they will be sent a response inviting a full application.

Applicants must be IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center HHM members (Full or Associate). Submitted projects must not be currently supported by external funds or other internal pilot funding sources. Proposals need to follow NIH formatting guidelines (fonts of Helvetica or Arial, font size 11 point or larger, and ½ inch margins). The proposal should include:

- ½ page lay summary of the project
- NIH style abstract (no more than 30 lines)
- One page Specific Aims Section
- Research Strategy section that does not exceed **three** pages including figures and tables but NOT including references
  - Social Responsibility- Within the research strategy section of the application, please outline any efforts to improve community outreach, diversify collaborators, or address a disparity
- A budget on an NIH budget form with justification addressing categories of possible funds. Indirect costs are not allowed. Proposals also **should not** include percent effort (salary) for the Principal Investigator or faculty
- An up-to-date NIH biosketch for all investigators involved in the project
- Successful applicants are required to submit a year-end progress report

An expert committee will review applications. **Criteria for funding are:** 1. Scientific merit. 2. Relevance to HHM mission including translational potential. 3. Feasibility. 4. Strength of team collaboration. 5. Potential for subsequent peer reviewed funding.

### The timetable is:

- Notice of Intent (NOI) Due Date: **June 3, 2024 at 11:59pm**
- Application Due Date: **July 1, 2024 at 11:59pm**
- Start date: **August 15, 2024**

**Applications will be completed via WebCAMP. A link to the application will be sent after an applicant's Notice of Intent has been approved.**

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