

Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center

ANNOUNCEMENT

A Request for Pilot Project Proposals from IUSCCC Early Career Investigators

IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center and the IUSCCC Junior Faculty Special Interest Group (SIG) is inviting proposals for pilot/feasibility research projects in any area of basic, translational, or clinical cancer research (diagnostics, therapeutics), and population science research (prevention, survivorship, quality of life, epidemiology) that would serve to advance the applicants' career goals.

The duration of this pilot funding is one year, and the budget should not exceed \$50,000. The principal investigator must be an Associate level member in an IUSCCC Research Program or an Affiliate IUSCCC member at the level of: Assistant Professor, Research Assistant Professor, Assistant Scientist, Associate Research Professor, or Research Scientist. Current IUSCCC trainee members are also eligible, provided they will have a full faculty appointment and Associate or Affiliate level IUSCCC membership at the time of application submission.

Notice of Intent: Applicants must send an email to Steven Verhagen (stverhag@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.

Format for full proposal: 30 line Abstract + 1 page Specific Aims + 4 pages for Research Strategy (items C, D, E & F below):

- A. Abstract (30 lines) – not included in the page limit, but must adhere to NIH formatting of ≤ 30 lines
- B. Specific Aims
 - 1. Problem
 - 2. Aims and Hypotheses
 - 3. Outcomes
- C. Significance and Background
 - 1. Importance of problem to field
 - 2. Any relevant preliminary data to support hypothesis
 - 3. How will project increase scientific knowledge, clinical practice etc.
- D. Investigators
 - 1. Is there adequate expertise to support this study? Please detail mentorship support and any relevant collaborations, particularly with other junior faculty.
- E. Approach
 - 1. Overall strategy, methodology, data collection, measures, interventions, theory and sample, power and data analyses.
- F. Relevant for future development
 - 1. How will this project lead to future funding
 - 2. What are the applicants long-term career goals and how does this project help make a step toward those goals?

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- G. Budget: A detailed budget and justification must be attached. Proposals should not include percent effort (salary) for the Principal Investigator.
- H. Biosketches of all investigators
- I. Timeline

Completed applications should be submitted to Steven Verhagen (stverhag@iupui.edu).

Applications will be reviewed by a select panel of junior cancer center members. Final funding decisions will be made by the IUSCCC Senior Leaders Committee, based on scientific review of applications and funding priorities.

Awardees are required to report any publications and grants submitted and/or funded as a result of this pilot award to IUSCCC.

The timetable is:	Notice of intent to apply:	April 1st, 2023
	Completed application:	May 1st, 2023

Completed application in .PDF format should be submitted to:

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