REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Seed Grants for Intercampus Collaborative Research
Cornell Prostate Cancer Research Group

In an effort to promote and strengthen collaborative prostate cancer research efforts across the campuses, the departments of Urology, Medicine, and Pathology have committed a total of $75,000 to fund up to three pilot projects. The goal of these seed grants is to initiate new cross-campus research efforts.

Eligibility and Requirements

Faculty members from Cornell Ithaca or from the Medical College campus are eligible to apply as PI. One of the key requirements for a successful proposal is the tangible involvement of investigators from both WCMC and Ithaca campuses. Special consideration will be given to new investigators in the field of prostate cancer, who are specifically encouraged to apply.

Projects must integrate the expertise of WCMC and Ithaca faculty in multidisciplinary research relevant to prostate cancer, which offers the promise of obtaining future external funding. Further, considering the anticipated early deadlines of applying for the recently-enacted federal stimulus funding, proposals prepared for this RFA could provide an opportunity to plan for larger grant proposals that could be submitted for the stimulus funding.

Budget and Duration

The maximum budget for each proposal is $25,000 for 12 months. Funds are to support research direct costs. No indirect costs are allowed. Funds are not allowed for permanent equipment (> $5,000) or faculty salaries. Travel funds should not exceed $800. Any matching funding from applicants is welcome, but not required.

Submission Guidelines

1. Each proposal must include a cover page outlining the specific responsibility, role, and tasks to be performed by each investigator. See the format that appears at the end of this RFP.
2. The portion of the proposal describing the project must be no more than three pages, single-spaced, including key references (but not including the cover page and budget information – see below). The application should include sections delineating specific aims, relevant background information, methods, and goals for future work and opportunities for external funding.
3. Also include a short biosketch (NIH-type format) for each faculty participant. List current support for each faculty member as a separate attachment.
Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrable synergistic interactions between faculty of different disciplines from both WCMC and Ithaca campuses for research that is relevant to prostate cancer
2. Likelihood that the work will continue beyond the grant period supported by external funds
3. Scientific merit and innovation of project
4. Involvement of new investigators in prostate cancer research.

Selection Process

A committee composed of WCMC and Ithaca faculty, who are not submitting proposals in response to this RFA, will rank all proposals based on the Selection Criteria described above.

Deadline and Submission Process

The deadline for proposal submission is April 15, 2009. Proposals should be submitted electronically to Dr. Peter Schlegel, Chair, Department of Urology by sending to his administrative assistant, Ms. Rose Tortorello at rot2001@med.cornell.edu Funded proposals will be announced approximately May 15, 2009, with funding available by June 1, 2009.

Other Requirements

Awardees are asked to submit an annual brief summary listing research progress, publications, and grant status. They are also expected to attend and participate in future intercampus prostate cancer related meetings, retreats and symposia.
Proposal for Intercampus Collaborative Research on Prostate Cancer

1. TITLE

2. FACULTY INFORMATION

Provide the required information in the format shown below. Start with principal investigator (PI). Under “Campus” section, indicate full mailing address of faculty at each campus, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. Under “Role on Project” section, specify PI, Co-PI, etc.

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3. ROLES OF FACULTY

Briefly indicate the ways in which each investigator will be involved in the collaboration.

4. WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON EACH CAMPUS

In table form, summarize the work to be carried out in each laboratory/campus.
5. TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED

*Please breakdown the funding by faculty member and by campus.*

6. BUDGET JUSTIFICATION
Title ___________________________  PI Name ____________________________

PROPOSAL
(3 page limit including key references, figures, and supplemental materials, if any)

Also include a short biosketch (2 page maximum) for each faculty participant. List current support for each faculty member as a separate attachment.