

Benioff Initiative for Prostate Cancer Research Award in Basic Science

Overview

Through a generous philanthropic gift, we are soliciting applications for funding research to understand the basic biological drivers of aggressive prostate cancer. The Benioff Initiative for Prostate Cancer Research looks to change the face of prostate cancer research with a dual pipeline approach:

(1) Basic and Translational Research Awards in Prostate Cancer: proposals should focus on expanding our understanding of the biology, early diagnosis, treatment and/or prevention of aggressive prostate cancer.

(2) Harnessing novel technologies or research tools: Application of novel technologies or tools to the field of prostate cancer research. Aimed towards investigators who have developed unique or interested research methods and would like to apply these toward the field of prostate cancer research. This pipeline targets investigators who previously have not worked in prostate cancer research.

This funding is intended to support basic research projects focused on the biology, detection or treatment of aggressive prostate cancer. Proposals must include how you will evaluate project milestones, provide specific metrics that can be used to evaluate outcomes. Metrics outlined in the proposal should apply to evaluations at both 6 and 12-month periods.

Eligibility

This RFA is open to any UCSF researcher(s) with faculty status.

Award Amount and Terms

Awards of \$75,000 - \$150,000 are for one year and consideration for renewal is based on productivity. Budget proposals should not include indirect costs or salary support for faculty. All awardees are required to submit a 6 months progress report and a final report tied to the milestones set forth in the RFA. Potential for project renewal will be weighted towards projects that meet metrics established in the proposal at each review period.

Review Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the quality of the proposed scientific methodology and potential impact to the field. Applications not meeting the specified subject of the RFA will be rejected. Valid applications will be peer reviewed.

Applicants from racial and ethnic groups that are [under-represented](#) in health sciences, will be given priority for one award. Such applicants will be required to submit a short explanation/justification of how they meet the definition.

Research Proposal Guidelines

Please submit as a single PDF file:

- Cover page (below)
- Maximum 4 page research plan (11pt Arial; minimum 0.5 inch margins), including figures and tables, no appendices
- Project milestones must be specified for both 6-month and 12-month periods – completion criteria must be stated
- Literature cited (1 page)
- NIH biosketch (5 pages)
- Budget with justification
- URM statement of justification (if applicable)

Submissions

Email applications as a single PDF to Nicholas Larocque (nicholas.larocque@ucsf.edu) by March 26, 2021 at 5:00pm.