

## UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center Prostate Cancer Program 2022 Research Pilot Funding Awards

### Request for Applications

#### **Award Description**

The UCSF Prostate Cancer Program seeks to fund pilot projects in any area of prostate cancer research. Funds are available to support multiple proposals.

#### **Research Topic**

All areas of prostate cancer research including computational, laboratory, translational, clinical, and population sciences are eligible. Please note that this is a call for primary research proposals, and the opportunity is not intended to support resource or infrastructure development.

#### **Award Amount**

Basic awards: \$40,000 total, direct costs only.

Single investigator applicants proposing a pilot project in any area of prostate cancer research may request this award amount. Co-investigators (funded or unfunded) are permitted. A communicating investigator must be identified.

Transdisciplinary multi-investigator awards: Up to \$85,000, total, direct costs only.

With appropriate budget justification, up to 3 collaborating co-investigators, representing differing disciplines, may request this higher level of support for a transdisciplinary project.

#### **Important Dates**

Application deadline: 8 May 2022 (midnight)

Award activation period: 30 May – 1 July 2022

Award term: 12 months (from award start date)

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- UCSF Faculty, including Adjunct Professors and Instructors
- UCSF Learners/Trainees (i.e., Students, Residents, Fellows – clinical and research) and other non-Faculty (e.g., Specialists). Learner/Trainee/non-Faculty applications must be accompanied by a UCSF Faculty mentor's letter of support.
- Any UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz personnel, collaborating with a member of UCSF's Prostate Cancer Program. See [Program membership roster](#). Those interested in identifying a potential UCSF collaborator may contact [prostatecancerprogram@ucsf.edu](mailto:prostatecancerprogram@ucsf.edu).
- Investigators who have received Prostate Cancer Program pilot funding since 2018 *are not eligible*.
- Per **Award Amount** section above, joint proposals by co-investigators/co-applicants are welcome.

#### **Priorities for Funding**

Proposals in any of the following categories are especially encouraged:

- Early- to Mid-Career applicants (Trainee through Associate Professor)
- Investigators new to prostate cancer research, with letter of support from, or co-application with, a [UCSF Prostate Cancer Program](#) member.
- Interdisciplinary research
- Translational research (T1-T3)

- Projects addressing health disparities or issues pertinent to the UCSF HDFCCC Catchment Area, directly or indirectly
- Projects which have a high likelihood of completion in 12 months (18 months for transdisciplinary multi-investigator proposals)
- Projects with strong potential for subsequent peer-reviewed funding
- Projects in alignment with the [HDFCCC Strategic Plan](#).

## **Application Process**

### **Application Submission**

Complete applications are to be submitted via upload to [UCSF Box](#) by 8 May 2022 (midnight). Application components, as specified below, should be compiled as a single PDF file. In fairness to all applicants, late submissions cannot be considered.

### **Award Selection**

All applications will be reviewed by the UCSF Prostate Cancer Program Leadership Committee in the selection of proposals for funding.

### **Requirements for Release of Funding**

- Completed award acceptance form
- If applicable, CHR and IACUC approvals

## **Application Components**

### **1. Application cover page**

- [Please download and complete cover page.](#)

### **2. Table of contents page**

- Please number pages of application pdf and complete Table of Contents template provided with application cover page.

### **3. Research proposal** (3 page maximum, including figures and tables, excluding references)

- The application should address background and significance/impact, aims, approach, and potential challenges of the proposed project.
- Transdisciplinary multi-investigator proposals must address the transdisciplinary nature of the project.

### **4. Proposal references**

### **5. C.V. or NIH Biosketch** (for each applicant)

**6. Documentation of other support** for each applicant for all active and pending awards. Format is flexible, but please include:

- Sponsor
- Amount
- Status (awarded or pending)
- Award term
- Project title

### **7. Itemized budget and narrative justification** (1 page maximum, flexible format)

- Any projects already partially funded must provide strong justification for the application for additional funds.
- Investigators may request support for staff or trainees who are not themselves primary applicants.
- Salary support requested for trainees through Mid-Career Investigators will be favored over that for Established Investigators.
- Costs which are not allowable: administrative salaries, personal computers, travel (other than transit for inter-campus collaboration), subcontracts, any expenses non-allowable by institutional policy.
- Transdisciplinary multi-investigator proposals and basic proposals by co-investigator applicants should indicate clearly how a shared budget will be allocated.

### **8. Letters of mentorship or collaboration** (as required)

- A letter of mentorship from a UCSF Faculty member is required for UCSF Trainee and Staff applicants.
- A letter of collaboration from a [UCSF Prostate Cancer Program](#) member is required for non-UCSF (i.e., UC Berkeley or UC Santa Cruz) applicants submitting single applicant basic proposals (see **Eligible Applicants** and **Award Amount**).
- Letters of support from any collaborators on any proposal are welcome.
- Letters of institutional or departmental support are **not** required; please do not include.

Questions about this award program may be directed to [prostatecancerprogram@ucsf.edu](mailto:prostatecancerprogram@ucsf.edu).