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: 2 May 2022
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.
- 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 2 May 2022. 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**
   - Form provided

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

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](mailto:prostatecancerprogram@ucsf.edu) 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.