ACS-IRG Junior Faculty Development Grant Eligibility and Instructions

Description of Awards

- The purpose of this grant is to provide “seed” money for the initiation of a promising new cancer-related project to obtain preliminary results that facilitate successful competition for a national research grant.

- There will be 4 awards this year:
  
  Three awards will be open to projects in any area of cancer research.

  There will be one award in an Area of Special Interest to the ACS. This year the Areas of Special Interest are psychosocial and behavioral research, health policy and health services research, cancer in the poor and medically underserved, and childhood cancer. Only cancer-related projects will be considered.

- All awards are for $40,000 for one year.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant should have a current junior faculty (Assistant Professor or Instructor) appointment at UAB for no more than 6 years

- Investigators who received ACS-IRG funding in previous years can reapply for continuation of their projects providing they still meet the other eligibility criteria. However, competitive renewals MUST include a completed progress report using the form provided. An individual may NOT receive a second grant to initiate a different pilot project

- US citizenship not required but applicant should have a valid US visa for the duration of the pilot grant.

- The applicant should not have received significant extramural funding for cancer research

An applicant is eligible for the ACS-IRG Junior Faculty Development Grant if he/she has not successfully competed for substantial extramural funding such as an RO1, DOD, Komen, V-Foundation grant.

The following early stage or small research grants or for the indicated training, infrastructure, and career awards do not disqualify potential applicants:

Pathway to Independence Award-Research Phase (R00), Small Grant (R03), Academic Research Enhancement Award (R15), Exploratory/Developmental Grant (R21), Research Education Grants (R25, R90, RL9, RL5), Clinical Trial Planning Grant (R34), Dissertation Award (R36), Small Business Technology Transfer Grant-Phase I (R41, UT1), Small Business Innovation Research Grant-Phase I (R43, U43), Shannon Award (R55), NIH High Priority, Short-Term Project Award (R56), Competitive Research Pilot Projects (SC2, SC3), Resource Access Award (X01)

Training-Related and Mentored Career Awards: All Fellowships (F awards), all individual and institutional career awards (K awards), Loan repayment contracts (L30, L32, L40, L50, L60), all training grants (T32, T34, T35,
Note regarding transitional grants: Researchers with grants that combine a smaller initial award that transition without further competition to a second phase supported by a substantial, independent research grant will become ineligible at the point of transition to the larger award. This includes combined, transitional awards like the R21/R33, SBIR/STTR Fast-Track (R42, UT2, R44, U44), UH2/UH3.

AWARDEE OBLIGATIONS

ACS-IRG Pilot Project award recipients agree to the following:

- Awardees must submit IACUC and/or IRB approval documents to the UAB CCC prior to beginning any animal/human related research.
- Awardees are expected to complete their pilot projects within their approved project period and budget, unless an extension is requested and approved in writing. Cost extensions are not automatic and remaining funds cannot be transferred to another account.
- For 5 years following award receipt, awardees will complete an annual Pilot Project Progress Report (1–2 pages) for the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Awardees agree to serve on a future Review Committee or participate in an ACS activity, if requested.
- Awardees agree to give a presentation or prepare a poster on their pilot project results if requested.
- Awardees must acknowledge the ACS in any publications or presentations related to their IRG funding by including the statement: "This publication is supported by Institutional Research Grant number IRG-15-56-IRG from the American Cancer Society."

INSTRUCTIONS

1. FORMS: The ACS application form contains pages for entering the PI’s biographical information (attached) and must be used. The successful applications will be sent to the ACS for renewal of the ACS-IRG so this form must be used for the PI’s biographical information and the instructions below must adhere.
   - Please do not replace Dr. Birrer’s name in the header with your own.
   - The forms are Word documents. The cover page should be signed electronically by the Department Chair. Please do not convert your application into a pdf or into any other format. None of the pages should be scanned.
   - Please adhere to the page limits indicated in the forms.
   - Letters of support and NIH Biosketches of collaborators may be appended (these do not go to the ACS but are helpful to reviewers). No other appendix material is allowed.

2. BUDGET: The total amount of each award is $40,000 and there are no indirect costs.
The following expenditures are allowed:
Research supplies and animal maintenance
Technical assistance
Cost of computer time
Special fees (pathology, photography etc.)
Stipends for graduate students and postdoctoral assistants if they are performing research proposed in the project
Equipment costing less than $2,000 (excluding computers)

The following expenditures are not permitted:
Travel
Construction or building maintenance, major alterations
Dues and membership fees in scientific societies
Honoraria and travel expenses for visiting lecturers
Non-medical services to patients
Office and laboratory furniture
Office equipment and supplies, including computers and peripherals
Per Diem charges for hospital beds
Purchasing and binding of periodicals and books
Recruiting and relocation expenses
Rental of office or laboratory space
Salary of the Principal Investigator or of secretarial/administrative personnel
Tuition and fees for graduate students

3. DEADLINE
Please email your completed application to Susan Ruppert by November 10, 2017.
If you have questions, please contact Susan Ruppert (sruppert@uab.edu) Telephone: 975 0359