

ACS-IRG Junior Faculty Development Grant

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 in any area of laboratory-based research
- 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, T90, D43), **Instrumentation, Construction, Education, Health Disparity Endowment Grants, or Meeting Awards** : G07, G08, G11, G13, G20, R13, S10, S15, S21, S22.

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 adhered to.
 - 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 15, 2018.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Ruppert (sruppert@uab.edu) Telephone: 975 0359