Women’s Disease Oriented Team (WDOT) Request for Proposal (RFP) for funding of Interdisciplinary Research

The WDOT is pleased to announce a RFP for its interdisciplinary research seed-grant program. Proposals should not exceed $35,000. We hope to award between 3 and 5 applications.

The WDOT is currently seeking proposals to fund interdisciplinary research in the area of any women’s cancer. To balance funds, preference may be given to gynecological investigations.

Proposals will be considered from all colleges/departments within the University of Utah system as long as the following minimum criteria are met:

- Involve at least one HCI investigator. (List available at http://healthcare.utah.edu/huntsmancancerinstitute/research/cancer-investigators.php)
- Involve at least one WDOT member (Member roster available at: http://healthcare.utah.edu/huntsmancancerinstitute/research/disease-oriented-research-teams/womens-cancers-dot.php)
- Is interdisciplinary
- Involve collaboration between at least one University of Utah faculty member and one faculty member from a different campus department and/or college.

Proposals with these elements will be given priority:

- Utilization of the WDOT tissue biorepository specimens
- Utilization of the WDOT CCR clinical outcomes database
- Collaboration with members of the HCI Cancer Center Research Programs (Nuclear Control of Cell Growth and Differentiation, Cell Response and Regulation, Experimental Therapeutics, Cancer Control and Population Sciences). List available at: http://healthcare.utah.edu/huntsmancancerinstitute/research/cancer-center-research-programs/membership/
- Potential for future independent funding.

Proposals will be scored on the following elements by a panel of at least 2 reviewers.

- Significance
- Investigator
- Approach
- Feasibility and Budget
- Impact
(See attached scoring form with additional explanations for each of the five scoring categories.)

**Submission Requirements:**
Proposal application packages should include the following components:

1. Cover letter (no more than one page) that identifies the partners in the project, and in particular, the name and department/college of the Primary Investigator. Please also include a brief outline of the ways in which the project qualifies as interdisciplinary research. In your letter you may also indicate up to two individuals who you would prefer not act as reviewer for your proposal.

2. Research project description, including:
   a. Title
   b. Research Summary (no more than one-half page, single spaced – written toward general professional audience) and the pertinence of this work to future external grant applications.
   c. Outline of objectives/aims of the study (no more than one-half page)
   d. Background work (no more than one-half page)
   e. Methods (no more than one-half page)
   f. Time-line of activities (no more than one-half page)
   g. Itemized budget (no more than one-half page page)
   h. Literature cited
   i. Type should be a minimum of 11 pt. font and double-spaced, (except where noted above)
   j. Except where noted above (Research Summary), proposal may be written toward professionals in your field

3. NIH 11/25/2015 format biosketch for the Primary Investigator and each Co-investigator

Please also note the following:
1. Quality of the proposal is the top priority for selection.
2. Co-Investigators may be off-campus. (Priority will be given to applications whose partners are on campus.)
3. Multiple applications may be sent from the same department or college.
4. Applicants may participate as PI on only one application, but may participate as Co-Investigator on others.
5. Awards are subject to all WDOT, HCI, and University of Utah policies and procedures.
6. Proposal packages should be submitted by February 1, 2016 to: sandra.strauss@hci.utah.edu
7. WDOT applications selected for submission to the DOT leadership will be determined and applicants notified no later than February 29, 2016.
8. DOT leadership reviews will be completed and awards announced no later than July 31, 2016.