



HCC SPORE in Leukemia

Developmental Research Project - Request for Applications

The objectives of the Developmental Research Program are to provide a continuous flow of new ideas and projects to stimulate leukemia research in the context of the Leukemia SPORE. It encourages new research directions and methodologies and facilitates collaborations. By providing initial support to pilot projects, it will foster the development of new translational research. It also allows the Leukemia SPORE to have participation and recruitment of investigators outside of areas traditionally associated with leukemia research. This Program will rely on scientific and programmatic review by a Developmental Research Program committee, which will assure selection of the most promising and highest quality projects with high likelihood of translational impact.

Eligibility:

Faculty members at all levels are eligible. Clinical, translational, population science, or lab-based researchers are all eligible.

Submission deadline: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 5 PM

Awards are anticipated to be one year starting in August.

Selection Criteria:

Candidates may be either clinicians with an MD degree who are interested in translational research, or scientists with a PhD degree (or an equivalent higher degree), who are interested in the application of basic science to the problems of leukemia therapy. Selection will be made according to the following criteria:

1. The quality and novelty of the science proposed.
2. Translational nature of the proposed project.
3. The dedication of the candidate to a particular clinical problem in leukemia, and their likelihood to remain interested in translational leukemia research in the future.
4. The track record of the individual and their potential to contribute to the field.
5. The programmatic needs of the SPORE.

Application:

Candidates should email their completed application in a single file pdf to: Paige_Tobie@dfci.harvard.edu

The application should contain the following components:

1. Project Title and Names of the Investigator(s)
2. Research Abstract (½ page)
3. Research Proposal to include Background and Relevance, Specific Aims, Preliminary Data, and Experimental Methods. Statistical considerations are necessary. Not to exceed 5 pages, including figures, exclusive of references.
4. Translational Objectives of the Proposed Research (1 page)

5. NIH Biosketch of the Applicant(s)
6. Other Support of the Applicant(s)
7. IRB/IACUC approval documents (if applicable)
8. Budget and Justification (phs398 format)
9. DHHS Rate Agreement
10. Appendix. 2 reprints may be included. Figures may not be included in the Appendix.

Budget:

Developmental Research Projects awards are anticipated to be \$75,000 to \$100,000 direct costs for 1 year. In general, these awards will support awardees for up to 1 year of funding with a chance of re-application for a second year based on merit. The funds can be used toward the awardees' salary, research supplies, and/or salaries of researchers. Detailed breakdown of the budget with justification is requested. Funds must be spent within one year (no carryforward allowed).

If awarded, indirect costs will be added to the award as appropriate based on the source of funding for each individual award. For this reason, please include only direct costs in your budget.