



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARD

Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) in Brain Cancer

The Neuro-Oncology Program at the Harvard Cancer Center (HCC) is seeking applications for the Developmental Research Program (DRP) projects focused on adult or pediatric gliomas. Funding will be provided through the National Cancer Institute (NCI)-sponsored Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) mechanism for two awards. Applicants must be faculty members of Harvard Medical School or the Harvard School of Public Health at the level of Instructor or higher. While the proposed research may be basic or clinical, bench-to-bedside or bedside-to-bench strategies must be addressed in the application, as the ultimate purpose of the program is to promote translational research in gliomas. Applications will be judged on 1) their scientific merit, 2) relevance to the overall mission of the HCC Neuro-Oncology program 3) their potential for upgrade to full project status in the HCC glioma SPORE Program and 4) the agreement of the applicant's departmental chair to provide matching funds in the amount of \$25,000 direct (+ institutional/nonfederal indirect), to be included in the application as a letter from the chair.

The application deadline is July 20, 2026. Awardees will be notified by July 15, 2026. Funding will start on September 1, 2026, and will be provided at \$25,000 (total) from the grant to be spent by August 1, 2027, plus \$25,000 (direct) from the applicant's department. Funds can be used for salary and/or support of research at Harvard Medical School or Harvard-affiliated hospitals and institutions.

An application consists of the following components, submitted as one PDF document:

1. Abstract and title (1-page maximum).
2. Research Plan (3 pages maximum excluding references): Specific Aims, Background and Relevance to Gliomas, Preliminary Data, Experimental Methods, Analysis Plan.
3. NIH Biosketch of Principal Investigator and other Key Personnel.
4. Budget and Budget Justification (1-page maximum).
5. Letter from applicant's department chair agreeing to provide matching funds of \$25,000 direct (+ institutional/nonfederal indirect) to be included, if awarded.

Applications should be submitted by **July 20, 2026**, to Dr. Paul Mintz (pmintz@bwh.harvard.edu).

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