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2021 Community Pilot Research Projects
Call for Applications

The Wilmot Cancer Institute invites interested researchers to submit proposals for research projects that are responsive to Wilmot's community outreach and engagement (COE) priorities. COE Priorities for 2021-2022 are:

- Disparities affecting Black/African American communities
- Disparities affecting Latino communities
- Disparities affecting rural communities
- Tobacco-related cancers (lung, head and neck, etc.)
- Lung cancer screening
- Tobacco control (smoking cessation, vaping prevention, etc.)
- Pancreatic and hepatobiliary cancers
- Lymphoma and hematologic malignancies

Responsive projects will investigate risk or prognostic factors, prevention or risk reduction methods, biomarkers or disease outcomes, cancer control or survivorship interventions, or treatment approaches relevant to these priorities. Investigators are encouraged to take advantage of existing tissue samples and data derived from catchment area populations. **Interprogrammatic collaborations and translational projects will be highly prioritized.**

Important Dates
- Pre-meeting: Monday, October 11, 2021; recording here – https://rochester.box.com/s/4rdwfmb99mvruu0xetfzok6kbqduvsgh
- Project concepts due: Friday, October 29, 2021, at 12:00 PM
- Notification of invitation to participate in Shark Tank session: Friday, November 5, 2021
- Project budgets due: Friday, November 12, 2021 at 12:00 PM
- Shark Tank presentations: Monday, November 15, 2021
- Anticipated award notification: By Tuesday, November 30, 2021
- Anticipated project start date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021
- Project update due: Monday, January 24, 2022
- Project end date: November 30, 2022

Eligibility
Applicants must be members of the Wilmot Cancer Institute.

Budget
Wilmot will fund up to 3 awards at up to $30,000 each. Funds may be used for research costs only, and may not support faculty salaries, catering, administrative staff, and the like. Costs must be justified.

Application and Review Process
- Applicants are strongly urged to attend the October 11 pre-meeting to discuss catchment area research priorities and the shark tank process, or view the recorded video of the session available in Box.
- Interested applicants must submit a project concept by the required date in the form of a project abstract summarizing background and significance, specific aims, approach and timeline. Limited to a single page; NIH formatting rules apply.
- At least four applicants will be invited to participate in the shark tank session. Each applicant will have eight minutes to present their proposal to reviewers. Reviewers will have seven minutes for Q&A. Presentations should cover background and significance, specific aims, approach and timeline.

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- Reviewers will include representatives of the Wilmot Community Cancer Action Council and Wilmot leadership.
- Review criteria: Proposed projects must clearly address a COE priority. Reviewers will also consider significance of the knowledge to be gained, degree of innovation, and soundness of the investigative approach.
- Submit all documents by the required due dates to Jaycee Bristol at jaycee_bristol@urmc.rochester.edu.

Reporting
- Awardees must schedule a consultation with the COE office when developing their projects.
- Awardees must agree to present their projects at research program meetings and to the Cancer Community Action Council.
- Awardees must provide a final report at the conclusion of their project.

Contacts
- Please contact Thom Fogg at Thomas_Fogg@urmc.rochester.edu or (585)755-4775 with questions about the program or application process.
- Please contact Charles Kamen at Charles_Kamen@urmc.rochester.edu or Paula Cupertino at Paula_Cupertino@urmc.rochester.edu with questions about catchment area relevance.

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