

2020 PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH GRANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH GRANT?

The 2020 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Translational Research Grant will fund high priority pancreatic cancer research that is poised for important translational next steps to help move scientific discovery to application in patients.

WHAT ARE THE GRANT TERMS?

The grant award is \$500,000 over two years. A maximum of 10 percent may be used for indirect costs, which is part of the total grant amount. The grant term begins July 1, 2020. It is anticipated that four Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Translational Research Grants will be awarded.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT SCOPE?

To be eligible for a Translational Research Grant, the research project should aim to identify novel targets and approaches to the treatment of pancreatic cancer or understand and circumvent treatment resistance. Application projects are limited to the following:

1. The study of a molecular treatment or approach but not a device or surgical intervention.
2. A molecular treatment or approach that is novel and within the intellectual property rights of the applicant's institution. Combination treatments that are dependent on proprietary compounds outside the control of the applicant are not permitted.
3. Studies that fall into at least one of these **three areas of interest**:
 - Immune context and tumor microenvironment interactions.
 - Regulators of pathogenesis, progression and metabolism, with particular interest in epigenetic mechanisms.
 - Transcriptional networks essential for viability and maintenance of malignant phenotype.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH GRANT?

Applicants must have a doctoral degree in the biomedical sciences or in a field applicable to health science research and not currently be a candidate for a further doctoral degree. It is optional but encouraged to include a co-PI. Both the applicant (PI) and co-PI must be affiliated with an academic, medical or research institution within the United States or around the world.

WHEN ARE THE APPLICATIONS DUE?

The applications are due on December 6, 2019, by midnight Eastern Standard Time.

HOW DO I APPLY?

All applications are submitted through the proposalCENTRAL online application system (www.proposalcentral.com). Applicants are required to create a profile and submit all required documents to be eligible for review.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS REVIEWED?

Applications are reviewed by a scientific review committee made up of research specialists in drug development, immunology and/or pancreatic cancer. The scoring system is based on the NIH scoring system. A patient advocate also reviews and scores each application. Scores are not shared with applicants.

WHEN WILL APPLICANTS BE NOTIFIED IF THEIR PROPOSAL WAS AWARDED?

Funding decisions will be announced in May 2020.

For further details on the 2020 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Translational Research Grant, please see the full Program Guidelines and Application Instructions available at: www.pancan.org/researchgrants