



2009 Developmental Cancer Research Award in Population Science

DEAR STANFORD AND NCCC FACULTY,

The Stanford Cancer Center is pleased to announce the availability of grant funds to support the development of high-quality interdisciplinary research projects in population sciences, specifically in cancer prevention and control and cancer epidemiology.

Cancer prevention and control projects include studies on the prevention and early detection of cancer, as well as cancer survivorship, behavioral and social sciences research, and health services/outcomes research, with the goal of reducing cancer incidence and cancer-related morbidity and mortality through research aimed at identifying efficient intervention techniques. Cancer epidemiology research projects include but are not limited to studies on etiology and cancer risk. Other fields may also be relevant and interdisciplinary projects are especially encouraged. **Projects with a special emphasis on racial, ethnic, cultural or other groups with an unequal burden of cancer, projects lead by junior faculty, projects in GI, prostate and women's cancers and collaborations between Stanford and NCCC are especially encouraged.** These awards are intended to provide funding for innovative pilot studies and/or small efficacy studies. Funds may not be used to support ongoing research projects. The Center encourages submissions relevant to any cancer disease site.

Through generous support from the President's Office and John and Jill Freidenrich, the Cancer Center expects to fund a number of one-year projects this year. Renewal for a second year is possible for particularly meritorious projects with appropriate progress in the first year. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for up to \$50,000 per project. The number and amount of awards will depend upon the quality of the proposals received and the available funding. **Applications are due July 1, 2009 and awards will be announced on August 7, 2009.**

ELIGIBILITY

Stanford and NCCC faculty working in highly cancer relevant areas of research are eligible to apply. If the PI is not a Cancer Center member, a brief letter of support from a Cancer Center member must accompany the application. The Cancer Center member sponsoring the application should be a project collaborator.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application guidelines and cover page are available on the Cancer Center's website: <http://cancer.stanford.edu/>.

REVIEW AND REGULATIONS

A committee of Cancer Center senior faculty leaders and peer reviewers who will make recommendations for award funding will review proposals. Evaluation criteria include:

- (a) Scientific merit;
- (b) Relevance to population science cancer research;
- (c) Qualifications, experience and productivity of the applicant;
- (d) Collaboration within the cancer research community;
- (d) Project feasibility given facilities, budget, time and other resources available; and
- (e) Potential for future grants and/or publications.

Funding must be used for a project that can be completed in the designated period of the grant proposal. Grants are for one year, except when otherwise specified in the application and approved by the committee. No-cost extensions are possible with written requests.

Grant funds may be budgeted for: (a) equipment and supplies; (b) communications; (c) personnel for research assistance; and (d) other purposes deemed necessary for the successful execution of the proposed project.

Unused funds will revert to the Stanford Cancer Center. All proposed expenses must conform to the general policies of the University and the Stanford Cancer Center.

Research involving animals or human subjects must be reviewed in accordance with the University's general assurances and HIPAA. Projects involving human subjects must be submitted to an Institutional Review Board (IRB). Intervention studies and clinical protocols must be reviewed and approved by the Protocol Review Committee (PRC). Projects must have appropriate approvals from the IRB and PRC prior to receiving funding. Appropriate animal forms must also be filed and approved. All investigators and all persons named on the budget page must have certification of training in the protection of human subjects.

A final progress report shall be submitted 15 months after the start date. This report must be submitted at the conclusion of the grant period, or earlier, if the recipient of the grant is leaving the University.