

# 2018 PILOT & FEASIBILITY PROGRAM REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS



The UAB Hepato/Renal Fibrocystic Disease Core Center (UAB HRFDCC; **P30 DK074038**) invites Pilot and Feasibility (P&F) proposals related to basic and translational research in Hepato/Renal Fibrocystic Diseases (HRFDs).

**GOAL OF THE PROGRAM:** The Center's P&F Program provides support to eligible investigators with the goal of generating preliminary data needed for subsequent funding through traditional mechanisms (e.g., NIH R01).

## **ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:**

Investigators eligible for NIH funding ([http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grant\\_basics.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grant_basics.htm)) with a faculty appointment before July 1, 2018 who fall into one of two categories:

1. New independent investigators without current or past NIH research support (R mechanism), who have an interest in establishing a career in HRFD-related research.
2. Established investigators who want to explore a novel idea related to HRFD that represents a clear departure from the investigator's ongoing research efforts. Investigators currently funded in the area of HRFD research (e.g., hepato/renal ciliopathies such as polycystic kidney disease) are not eligible.

Successful applicants will commit to pursuing extramural funding within 2 years of completing the P&F project. Awardees agree to acknowledge the UAB Hepato/Renal Fibrocystic Disease Core Center (**P30 DK074038**) in presentations and in publications resulting from the Center's support.

## **TERMS OF SUPPORT**

Successful proposals will be supported for one year (\$40,000/year not including indirect costs) with a second year of support considered upon competitive review of the previous year's progress report.

## **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND REVIEW CRITERIA**

1. The P&F preproposal is due **December 15, 2017** and is limited to two-pages consisting of the following sections: **i)** overall objectives, **ii)** specific aims, **iii)** significance to Hepatorenal Fibrocystic Diseases (HRFD), **iv)** brief description of the research plan and approaches, **vi)** anticipated Center core usage, and **vii)** plan for follow-up funding. Also include an eligibility statement, proposed budget, references, and a 4-page NIH-style biosketch (not part of the 2-page limitation).
2. Finalists will be invited by **January 12, 2018** to submit a full proposal due **February 23, 2018**. This consists of the following: **i)** Cover Page with signatures, **ii)** Abstract (up to 250 words), **iii)** Specific Aims (1 page limit), **iv)** one-year detailed Budget, **v)** Budget Justification (1 page limit), and **vi)** Research Plan (5 page limit) describing background and significance of the study to HRFDs, preliminary data, methodology highlighting proposed core usage, and a plan to address issues of rigor, reproducibility and authentication of reagents. References are not included in the page limitation.
3. Awardees will be announced on **May 1, 2018** with an anticipated start date of **July 1, 2018**. All applications that are not selected for funding will be considered for the **UAB HRFDCC Voucher** program for resource development through the Center's Associated Cores. See the Center's web page for details.
4. Both the preproposal and full proposal must conform to NIH-style guidelines, and be submitted as a single PDF e-mail attachment to [PKDCenter@uab.edu](mailto:PKDCenter@uab.edu)

Please contact the Center Director (Dr. Brad Yoder, [byoder@uab.edu](mailto:byoder@uab.edu)) or Pilot and Feasibility Directors (Drs. Josh Lipschutz, [lipshcut@muscu.edu](mailto:lipshcut@muscu.edu) or Mark Bevenssee, [bevensee@uab.edu](mailto:bevensee@uab.edu)) to discuss questions regarding the Center's P&F program.