



**Center for Palliative and Supportive Care
Palliative Research Enhancement Project (PREP)
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
Deadline: 5pm CT, May 9, 2014
(Open to all UAB Faculty)**

The **Center for Palliative and Supportive Care** invites innovative research proposals that highlight palliative and supportive care. The **PREP** award was established to support innovative translational and/or clinical research projects that utilize palliative medicine.

The mission of **PREP** is to fund the UAB community in innovative research; contributing to the evidence base of palliative and supportive care and enhancing the prospect for external funding opportunities.

Funding is one year. Funds will be available beginning **October 1, 2014**. One award in the amount \$15K will support research in the areas of: nutrition in palliative care or nutrition in cancer. Two to three awards, not exceeding \$25K each, will support areas of research in, but are not limited to: aging, HIV/AIDS, cancer, and interdisciplinary models of care.

ELIGIBILITY and EXPECTATIONS

1. Open to UAB faculty at all ranks. Post-doctoral students may apply if collaborating with a UAB faculty member. Preference will be given to junior investigators with intentions of continuing the research after the award period ends.
2. Projects can be interdisciplinary, translational, policy, clinical, or a combination. Preference will be given to interdisciplinary and collaborative projects.
3. Applications that are simply extensions of previous or ongoing, extramurally federally funded research will not be considered.
4. Awardees will provide 6 and 12 month reports, and present end of project findings.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. A Letter of Intent should be submitted by 5pm CT May 9, 2014 and should include: title of proposal; names of the PI and applicants; a brief statement of goals; how the proposed research addresses palliative care; and plans for subsequent funding. **(2 pages)**
2. PIs of the most meritorious pre-proposals will be notified by May 19, 2014.
3. The full proposal for selected projects will be due by 5 PM on June 27, 2014. The full application must include, in the following order:
 - Project title and summary describing the potential translational implications of the project and list of all participants, their expertise and contributions to the project, **(1 page)**
 - Budget and justification; project timeline, **(2 pages)**
 - Scientific overview including hypotheses, aims, significance, innovation, clinical relevance and approach **(5 pages)**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Letters of Intent must be submitted electronically in a single PDF to Will Callans (**wcallans@uabmc.edu**) by **5:00pm CT on May 9, 2014**. Full Proposals must be submitted electronically in a single PDF to Will Callans **by 5:00pm CT on June 27, 2014**. Applications must use Arial 11 point font with 0.5 inch margins. Applications that are not formatted as described will not be reviewed.

SCHEDULE

April 7, 2014: RFA Announcement	May 9, 2014: Letter of Intent deadline	May 19, 2014: Full Proposal applicants notified
June 27, 2014: Full proposal deadline	August 29, 2014: Notification of Awards	October 1, 2014: Funds available