The University of Alabama at Birmingham is committed to advancing patient care and public health through the use of cutting-edge imaging resources in support of innovative thinking, multi-disciplinary collaboration, expertise in molecular, functional, and anatomic imaging and basic imaging sciences research. The Radiology Imaging Development Voucher Program provides direct funding support to UAB investigators to offset expense(s) for development time on CT scanners, MRI scanners (including the Highlands 3T), PET/MR, PET/CT, and all Small Animal Imaging modalities (9.4T MRI, Small Animal PET/CT, etc.) as well as limited radiotracers to encourage and to enhance imaging research. Development time may include administrative fees for radiology personnel (e.g. MD or PhD faculty, physicist or technologist), scanner time and associated core supplies, software, and hardware directly related to imaging that will be used to develop new imaging protocols or methods in preparation for a pre-clinical, translational, or clinical research project that has potential for future extramural funding. Examples include development of a new CT protocol, new MRI technique, using a radioisotope or radiotracer for a new application, new use for PET CT or PET MRI, new small animal imaging method, new hardware or software for image analysis or reconstruction, or application of an existing imaging technique to a project that significantly deviates from prior research methods.

Investigators may apply for up to $5,000 (direct) in voucher support (limit of one voucher per faculty member per calendar year or concurrent development time allocations). Applications must include a UAB faculty member and outline the experimental need, what will be enabled by the investment (e.g., grant application, additional aims) and provide a budget with justification. All lines of investigation supported by the Radiology Research Voucher Program require appropriate regulatory approvals (IRB or IACUC, as applicable) at the time of application and must be in good standing at the time of award and throughout study implementation.

**REVIEW PROCESS**

Radiology Imaging Development Voucher Requests should follow the specifications provided below and will be accepted electronically as a single PDF by CCTS Research Commons (ccts@uab.edu) on a rolling basis. Applications will be reviewed by the CCTS in partnership with the Department of Radiology for scientific merit, mission alignment, appropriateness of the budget and justification of need.

**QUESTIONS**

Please see UAB Radiology Imaging Development Voucher page for more information. Contact Dr. Andrew Smith, Associate Professor, Vice Chair of Clinical Research, andrewdennissmith@uabmc.edu / 205-934-1354 for general questions regarding the voucher program. **Investigators must discuss their idea with facility's director in advance.**

Facility Contacts:
Advanced Imaging Facility (PET/CT and PET/MR) – Dr. Jonathan McConathy jmconathy@uabmc.edu
Civitan International Neuroimaging Lab (Highlands MRI) – Dr. Mark Bolding mbolding@uabmc.edu
Cyclotron Facility – Dr. Suzanne Lapi lapi@uab.edu
Human Imaging Shared Facility – Dr. Andrew Smith andrewdennissmith@uabmc.edu
Small Animal Imaging Facility – Anna Sorace aforace@uabmc.edu or Dr. Jason Warram mojack@uab.edu
TITLE OF PROJECT

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

NAME: ____________________________

ACADEMIC TITLE: ____________________________

eRA COMMONS ID: __________ UNIQUE INSTITUTIONAL ID (e.g, Blazer ID): __________

SCHOOL: ____________________________

DIVISION/DEPARTMENT/OTHER: ____________________________

EMAIL: ____________________________ PHONE: ____________________________

REGULATORY APPROVAL

Will the work funded by this voucher involve any human subjects (including existing data or specimens of human origin)? Choose an item. Provide IRB approval number: __________

Will this project involve any animals? Choose an item. Provide IACUC approval number: __________

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Within the space provided, please articulate the experimental plan that would be enabled by the voucher, how the experimental results will be used (e.g., grant, manuscript, etc.) and timeline for execution. Please DO NOT exceed the space provided for any response or append any additional documentation or data.

Brief summary of scientific gap in understanding and experimental goal(s)

Voucher Intent (Detailed plan for development time)

Experimental Timeline / Grant Deadline
BUDGET

Development time is based on the established global research rates.

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*Cyclotron pilot funding can only be used for radiopharmaceuticals already in routine production.

Vouchers cannot be used to address faculty or staff salary/fringe, travel or acquisition of new equipment. Voucher may be used for technologist time or labor charges related to imaging experiments. Vouchers are not required to budget indirect costs. Project-specific expenses to access complementary CCTS Clinical Services and other Center-based expertise can be addressed as part of a CCTS Research Voucher (see www.uab.edu/ccts/research-commons/funding-opportunities/voucher-program).

DIRECT COST BREAKDOWN

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Total: $ 

ITEMIZED BUDGET JUSTIFICATION (with Core/Shared Facility Contacts, as applicable)

All expenses should be well justified. In the space above, briefly describe the itemized costs related to the experimental design. Please see the NIH Guidelines for more information on what should be included in a detailed budget justification. Please DO NOT exceed the space provided for any response or append any additional documentation or data.