



2019 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) with a faculty appointment before July 1, 2019 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 14, 2018** 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, **v)** anticipated Center core usage, and **vi)** 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 22, 2019** to submit a full proposal due **March 4, 2019**. 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 around **May 28, 2019** with a start date of **July 1, 2019**. 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 Rene Eubank at PKDCenter@uab.edu.

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