UAB Department of Pathology
2017 Pilot Grants: Clinical Research Awards
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

In response to 2017 Pathology Faculty Retreat, the Department of Pathology is pleased to announce this RFA for Pilot/Feasibility Clinical Research grants to provide seed support to facilitate and enhance Translational Research programs and scholarly activity across the Department.

Projects in the early stages of planning that will advance our academic, scholarly and research missions are especially welcome. Examples of anticipated use of funds include supporting collection of data to be used in conference presentations, peer-reviewed publications and extramural grant applications.

If funded, the proposed start date of the Clinical Research Award will be April 1st, 2018. It is anticipated that up to five pilot projects with a budget not exceeding a total of $5,000 each will be awarded based on merit and availability of funds. Awards are not renewable and funds must be used within the funding period. Funds will be allocated at the outset of the award. Awardees will be required to provide a one-year final report (1 page maximum) to the committee on project progress, accomplishment and future plans.

ELIGIBILITY and EXPECTATIONS
1. Open only to UAB Pathology faculty, at all ranks including instructors.
2. Projects should have translational relevance and can be clinical, population health based, correlative/descriptive, mechanistic, or a combination.
3. Preference will be given to multi-investigator proposals involving physician and basic science faculty or collaborations amongst faculty with demonstrated translational research experience.
4. Require IRB protocol approval, if applicable, prior to commencing proposed studies.
5. Selected pilot projects are expected to contribute to submission of extramural grant applications (e.g. NIH, DoD, or any other agency), presentations at scientific and clinical meetings and/or peer-reviewed publication(s).

APPLICATION INFORMATION and INSTRUCTIONS
1. Proposals (**maximum 2 pages, Arial 11 pt, 0.5 inch margins**) should be submitted by **February 9th, 2018 5pm (CT)** and should include in the following order:

➢ Project title
➢ Names of the PIs, their expertise and contributions to the project
➢ A brief statement of project hypothesis, goals/aims and pertinent preliminary data (not required); how the proposed research addresses a significant question(s) in population, clinical or basic science issue highlighting potential translational implications
➢ Plans for a subsequent extramural funding application, scientific meeting presentation or publication
➢ Brief budget justification of how funds will be utilized (not including in 2 page limit). *Funds cannot be used for salary support.*
➢ NIH bio-sketches for each proposed faculty participant (**max 5 pages per investigator**)

2. Applications should be submitted as a single pdf file to Cheryl Lyles (clyles@uabmc.edu) or Rakesh Patel (rakeshpatel@uabmc.edu) by **February 15th, 2018 5pm (CT).** Applications that are not formatted as described will not be reviewed.

3. Applications will be reviewed by a faculty panel convened by the Vice Chair for Research, with input from Division Directors. PIs of the most meritorious proposals will be notified by **Mar 15th, 2018**

QUESTIONS: If you have questions concerning eligibility or the submission of these proposals, please contact Dr. Rakesh Patel (rakeshpatel@uabmc.edu; 975-9225).

KEY DATES
Dec 2017: RFA Announcement
Feb 15th 2018: Proposal deadline
Mar 15th 2018: Successful applicants notified
Apr 1st 2018: Funding start date
March 31st 2019: Funding end date (all funds should be used by this date)