

## **UAB Department of Pathology**

### **2017 Translational Research Pilot Grants**

### **REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

In response to 2017 Pathology Faculty Retreat, the Department of Pathology is pleased to announce this RFA to fund one innovative pilot translational research project. Project focus should align with one or more of the following areas of research Cancer/Bone Biology, Inflammation and Thrombosis, Immunology, Immunity and Infection or Cardiovascular/Metabolic disease (broadly written).

Projects, particularly multi-PI projects that have advanced beyond the first stages of planning are especially welcome and should be designed to generate sufficient data for use in extramural funding applications including large programmatic grants (e.g., R01, DoD, PPG, P50, U54). Projects that are responsive to upcoming/issued RFAs will be deemed highly responsive.

If funded, the proposed start date of the award will be June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. It is anticipated that budget of \$25,000 will be awarded based on merit and availability of funds. Awards are not renewable. Procuring additional funds from other UAB Departments, Divisions and / or Centers is strongly encouraged (not required) and will be considered in evaluation of scientific merit and potential for developing competitive and collaborative extramural applications. A letter affirming additional funds, and the amount, should be provided with the pre-proposal application. Awardees will be required to provide a six-month interim progress report (1 page) detailing accomplishments and future plans and will be required to present their findings at the Department of Pathology Grand Rounds.

#### **ELIGIBILITY and EXPECTATIONS**

1. Open to all UAB Department of Pathology faculty members at all ranks including instructors. Investigative team can comprise Pathology and non-Pathology faculty members. However, the PI must have primary faculty appointment in the Department of Pathology.
2. Projects can be basic, biochemical, molecular, translational, clinical, or population-based, or a combination. This RFA is specifically soliciting innovative and high-impact science.
3. Applications that are extensions of currently funded research will not be considered. A statement describing how this application differs from currently funded projects should be included.
4. Require IRB and/or IACUC protocol submission prior to the funding start date (if applicable).
6. Selected pilot projects are expected to lead to the submission of an extramural NIH or equivalent grant Application within 12 months of pilot project expiration.

#### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

1. A two-page pre-proposal should be submitted by **February 15th, 2018 5pm (CST)** and should include: title of proposal; names of the PI and collaborators; a brief statement of goals; how the proposed research is translational and addresses a significant question within the research areas listed above; plans for how funds would be utilized; plans for subsequent application for extramural funding; NIH bio-sketch of the principal investigator(s) should also be submitted (5 page limit).
2. PIs of the most meritorious pre-proposals will be notified by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** and invited to submit a **full proposal which will be due April 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 (5pm CST)**. 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, **(0.5 page)**;
  - Scientific overview of project including hypotheses, aims, significance, innovation, clinical / translational relevance, approach and any pertinent preliminary data **(maximum 4 pages)**
  - Budget and justification, including description of management of the project, **(maximum 1 page)**, along with the source and extent of any matching funds and other available resources. Faculty salary, travel or publication costs are not allowable. Post Doc/Technician/Research personnel salary/fringe of 50% or less of the budget will be considered.
  - Timeline of planned milestones and deliverables, with a description of the NIH (or other) grant mechanism that will be targeted **(0.5 page)**.
  - NIH bio-sketches for each proposed faculty participant

#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Applications must be submitted electronically in a single PDF to Cheryl Lyles ([clyles@uabmc.edu](mailto:clyles@uabmc.edu)) or Rakesh Patel ([rakeshpatel@uabmc.edu](mailto:rakeshpatel@uabmc.edu)) by 5:00pm CT on **February 15<sup>th</sup>** (pre-proposal) and **April 13<sup>th</sup>** (full proposal). All

applications should use the NIH PHS 398 forms for the cover page, key personnel, budget, budget justification and the 5 page NIH bio-sketch with other support for all key personnel. Applications must use Arial 11 point font with 0.5 inch margins. Applications that are not formatted as described will not be reviewed.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** Pre-proposal deadline

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 2018:** Successful applicants notified and full proposal requested

**Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 2018:** Full proposal deadline

**June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018:** Funding start date

**May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019:** Funding end date (all funds should be used by this date)