

Northwestern University Physical Sciences-Oncology Center Pilot Project Program

Proposal submission deadline: November 1, 2010
Funding expected to begin by the end of January, 2011

The Northwestern University Physical Sciences - Oncology Center, one of 12 national centers funded by the National Cancer Institute, is focused on research organized under the umbrella theme of "Coding, Decoding, Transfer and Translation of Information in Cancer". The Center's website www.psoc.northwestern.edu presents comprehensive information on the Center's work and mission.

As part of its charter, the NU-PSOC awards funding for 1 to 2 pilot projects each year to researchers with innovative projects, closely aligned with the central research mission of the Center. Selected projects will be funded for one year up to \$100,000 direct costs per year with the possibility of renewal for a second year.

Qualifications:

- Applicant must be an independent investigator who is tenured, tenure track, clinician-investigator track or research-track faculty.
- Project must be innovative and closely aligned with the overarching framework of the NU-PSOC.
- Proposals from current PSOC members must represent new work, not enhancements of current PSOC projects.
- Minority and female investigators are strongly encouraged to apply, however pilot project program applicants will not be asked to identify their gender or racial/ethnic status.

Application Procedure: Submit a proposal of no longer than 3 pages that includes: 1) an abstract; 2) a description of the relevance of the proposed project to the coding, decoding, transfer and translation of information in cancer; 3) a statement of background, preliminary studies, research plan and research design and methodology. Append the following to the proposal: a project budget, biographical sketches for principal personnel and current and pending funding (other support).

Submit applications to: Helen Hutten, Asst. Project Mgr., NU-PSOC; h-hutten@northwestern.edu

Responsibilities of Awardees: 1) Participation in quarterly NU-PSOC Science Jams; 2) Presentations at the twice yearly meetings of the NU-PSOC Center Advisory Committee; 3) A written progress report submitted two months prior to the end of the project year. This report can be incorporated into a competitive renewal application for a second year of funding.

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Evaluation Process: Criteria: 1) Scientific merit; 2) Novelty of the proposal; 3) Intercalation of the project objectives with the theme of the NU-PSOC. Each of these three criteria will account for one-third of the score. The NU-PSOC Executive Committee will act as a study section to review the proposals.