

# *Request for Proposals: CR-PSOC Pilot Project Program*

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Submission Deadline: **March 1, 2018**

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The [Chicago Region Physical Science-Oncology Center](#) (CR-PSOC) will award funding to two pilot projects that are closely aligned with the central research mission of the Center. The CR-PSOC, part of a [network](#) of national centers funded by the National Cancer Institute, is focused on the “*Spatio-Temporal Organization of Chromatin and Information Transfer in Cancer*”. Pilot projects should address functional and structural changes in chromatin, chromosomes or nuclei that impact tumorigenesis. Selected projects will be funded for one year for up to \$40,000 direct costs each.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be an independent investigator who is either: tenured, tenure track, clinician investigator track or research-track faculty. *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:** Submit a proposal of no longer than **3 pages** consisting of:

- 1) Abstract
- 2) Statement of Relevance of the proposed project to cancer research and the mission of the Center.
- 3) Project Plan, including: background, preliminary studies, specific aims, research design and methodology, and timeline.

*The following additional materials must be appended to the proposal:*

- Project Budget on NIH PHS398 form
- Budget Justification
- NIH Biosketches for Key Personnel

Submit applications as a single PDF via email to Center Administrator, Dr. Sheila Judge, [s-judge@northwestern.edu](mailto:s-judge@northwestern.edu) .

**Proposal Evaluation:** All projects will be reviewed by the CR-PSOC Executive based on: scientific merit, innovation, application of physical science approaches, and intercalation of project objectives with the objectives of the PSOC. Funding recommendations must be approved by the Center Advisory Committee.

**Award Notification:** Awardees will be notified via email. The estimated start date for funding is May 1, 2018 and is contingent upon release of funds by NCI. Awardees are required to participate in regular all-Center scientific meetings; to present their projects during the annual NCI site visit, and provide an annual written progress report for inclusion in the Center’s annual report to NCI.