Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University
Translational Accelerator Awards

Purpose:
The LCC will provide grant support to translational or clinical researchers seeking to obtain preclinical data that will bolster their proposals for investigator-initiated therapeutic clinical trials at LCC, including multi-institutional or NCI-sponsored cooperative group trials. Grants of up to $25,000 will support preclinical studies of 6 months duration, following which a progress report must be submitted, along with an outline of the proposed clinical trial that incorporates the results of the funded study. The progress report is due within 6 months following the completion of the preclinical study. Contingent on sufficient progress, grants may be renewed for an additional 6 months.

Application requirements:
- A research proposal of one page that should include a short description of the studies and the contemplated clinical trial, a proposal for which will be bolstered by strong preclinical data. The relative contributions of the PI and laboratory or Core Facility collaborators to the formulation and conduct of the proposed preclinical study should also be described.
- A letter of support from either an LCC laboratory scientist or the Developmental Therapeutics Core indicating their willingness to collaborate in the proposed study.
- A budget and budget justification. Salary support may be requested for postdocs and research staff.
- Biosketches of the PI, who must be a full or associate member of the LCC, and all key personnel.

Award notification and activation:
Merits of the proposal will be evaluated in a review process conducted by senior translational and clinical LLC researchers. Awardees will be notified within 4 weeks of the proposal submission deadline.

Submission details:
Kindly submit the application as a single pdf to Benette Phillips, PhD (schallma@northwestern.edu). Questions can be sent to Devalingam Mahalingam (NM) mahalingam@nm.org