

OBERLEY AWARDS 2025

Letter of Interest Due Noon, Friday February 28, 2025

***Please submit the LOI as a single PDF Document**

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The Oberley Award, named in honor of the past Deputy Director of the HCCC, is the primary mechanism by which the HCCC distributes Developmental Funds from the Cancer Center Support Grant to promote promising research from members. We rely heavily on the guidance of Program Leaders for making these funds available to HCCC members – Full and Associate Members are eligible to apply for funding.

- 1) The initial phase of review is based on a Letter of Interest (see guidelines below). LOIs are due by Noon on Friday, February 28, 2025.
- 2) LOIs will be reviewed by Program Leaders and Senior HCCC Leadership to identify proposals to send for a full scientific review. Selection will be based on an initial assessment of how the proposed research will meet catchment area priorities, how the proposal will promote transdisciplinary collaboration, how the proposal will translate concepts into the clinic. Note, selected LOIs need not be strong in all of these areas and proposals spanning the range from basic, translational, clinical and population sciences are welcome.
- 3) LOIs selected for full proposal will be notified and full proposals will be selected for review of scientific Merit by the HCCC Scientific review committee (dates to be determined).
- 4) Review criteria include scientific merit, potential for extramural funding, and impact on advancing the strategic priorities of the HCCC including: transdisciplinary and inter-programmatic collaboration, translational potential and impact on catchment area priorities.
- 5) After scientific review, Program and COE leaders will make the final selections. These selections will be informed by scientific review but also will be informed by programmatic goals. If desired, leaders may collaborate to jointly fund proposals. \$50,000 will be distributed for each research program; an additional \$50,000 will be available to support research that addresses catchment needs identified by COE.
- 6) For 2025 Catchment area priorities are as follows:
 - Survivorship, including roles of primary care, caregivers
 - Studies of priority cancers including breast, prostate, lung, melanoma
 - Prevention, including obesity, nutrition, physical activity, radon, tobacco, alcohol
 - Screening, especially informatics-based, lung cancer, and prostate cancer in black men
 - Studies of genetic testing and counseling
 - Improving clinical trial participation
 - Cancer etiology, especially environmental
- 7) Budgets may be requested for up to \$50,000.
- 8) Awardees are required to present research within 1 year of award at an HCCC wide forum and comply with annual requests for information following from award.

Letter of Interest Requirements (3 pg. max for items 1-10 below)

- 1) Names of PI(s) and any co-investigators.
- 2) Research Program(s) involved.
- 3) Title of project.
- 4) Specific Aims of the project; including rationale and innovation.
- 5) Plan (and rough timeline) for seeking extramural support (if applicable).
- 6) Plan for publication (if applicable).
- 7) How the project promotes collaborative/translational research (if applicable)?
- 8) How the project promotes inter-Cancer Center collaborations (if applicable)?
- 9) How the project addresses catchment area priorities (if applicable)?
- 10) Which HCCC Shared Resources will be utilized (if applicable)?

Additional Materials:

- 1) References cited
- 2) Current biosketch(es) for PI(s) including Other Support.
- 3) Budget request with justification for up to \$50,000 per project for 1 year. Projects with smaller funding amounts can be submitted to permit multiple awards per program.

The following budgetary restrictions apply:

- ☐ Budget proposals should adhere to these categories:
- ☐ Consumable supplies - Research supplies should be grouped under appropriate headings with amounts.
- ☐ Travel – Domestic (only) travel when necessary to carry out the proposed research program
- ☐ Up to 20% of the total budget can be allocated to faculty salary

Miscellaneous expenditures – Must be listed and justified individually. Expenditures allowed:

- ☐ Research supplies and animal maintenance
- ☐ Technical assistance
- ☐ Publication costs, including reprints
- ☐ Special fees (pathology, photography, etc)
- ☐ Forming an Advisory Board (Community or Patient) – meeting space fees, trainings for board members, honorariums
- ☐ Recruiting study participants
- ☐ Disseminating results (graphic design, mailings, social media)

Expenditures not allowed:

- ☐ Foreign travel costs (transportation, hotel, meals, etc)
- ☐ Honoraria and travel expenses of visiting lecturers
- ☐ Secretarial/administrative personnel
- ☐ Tuition costs (students)
- ☐ Books and periodicals
- ☐ Dues and membership fees in scientific societies
- ☐ Non-medical services to patients (travel to a clinical site or patient incentives are allowable)
- ☐ Construction, renovation, or maintenance of buildings and laboratories
- ☐ Office and laboratory furniture
- ☐ Office equipment and supplies (including computer hardware and software)
- ☐ Rental of office or laboratory space
- ☐ Recruiting and relocation expense