



Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Funding Opportunity Pancreatic Cancer Research

Letters of Concept due by Noon, Wednesday, December 1, 2021

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Pancreatic Cancer remains one of the most difficult and deadly cancers with considerable need for innovative thinking and new approaches. Thanks to a significant gift from one of our donors, we are announcing a request for Letters of Concept proposing new research in Pancreatic Cancer. The purpose of these Letters of Concept is to conduct an initial assessment of potential project ideas from HCCC members (Full and Associate). Letters of Concept are not intended to be detailed proposals on which to review scientific merit, but rather to frame the field of potential project candidates, and then decide on next steps for evaluation, including internal and external review.

Key details follow:

Overview:

- Propose an innovative research concept that will advance pancreatic cancer research at the University of Iowa.
- The PI should be an HCCC Member (Full or Associate).
- Concepts from basic, translational, clinical and population sciences welcome.
- Budget requests up to \$250,000 total over 3 years will be considered.
- Concepts can come from investigators who are not actively in the field of pancreatic cancer research, but the proposed research must focus on pancreatic cancer and a commitment to pancreatic cancer research will be considered vital.

Guidelines for Letters of Concept (2 pages maximum excluding references):

- Title of proposal
- PI Contact Information and list of other key personnel.
- Specific Aims (outlining background, gap in knowledge, hypothesis/objective, and Specific Aims). This can be referenced.
- List of up to 3 publications from PI and/or team relevant to the proposed concept (this does not have to be research in pancreatic cancer). If none, so state.
- Statement of Innovation.
- Statement of potential Impact.

Additional Materials:

- References Cited.
- Biosketches for PI and Key Personnel.
- Plan for allocation of funds (1 page; not a detailed budget).

Letters of Concept Review Criteria

- Qualifications of the PI and investigative team
- Innovation
- Potential Impact including directly on patient care or likelihood of additional external funding.
- Focus on pancreatic cancer

Letters of Concept Review Process

- **Letter of Concept due: Noon on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.** Send to Tami Thompson (tami-thompson@uiowa.edu) as a single pdf file.
- Letters of Concept Reviewed January 1, 2022
- Letters of Concept selected for further consideration and next steps will be announced by January 15, 2022

Please direct any questions concerning this opportunity to Dr. Michael Henry (michael-henry@uiowa.edu).

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