

## 2023 DIANA BENZ SEED GRANT OPPORTUNITY

**DEADLINE:** Noon, Wednesday, May 31, 2023

### OVERVIEW

The Diana Benz Memorial Fund supports a cancer research seed grant up to **\$25,000** for a project related to psychosocial issues, complementary and alternative medicine, and other aspects of cancer research with a focus on quality of life for cancer patients and survivors. Any faculty or staff member at the University of Iowa is eligible to apply. The project to be supported will be selected by a peer-review process of all applications submitted to the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center.

### ELIGIBILITY

The principal investigator must have a full-time affiliation with The University of Iowa and should intend to carry out the research project on the UI campus. If the applicant holds a non-faculty position, for example, Postdoc or Assistant Research Scientist, the applicant needs to address how the project will continue long term.

### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

**SUBMIT TO:** Tami Thompson, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Administration, E220 GH tami-thompson@uiowa.edu

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### AWARD INFORMATION

**MAXIMUM AWARD:** Up to **\$25,000** per project

**PROJECT PERIOD:** July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

**APPLICATION:** Guidelines are available on the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center website: <https://cancer.uiowa.edu/cancer-research-funding-opportunities>

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The proposal should be single spaced, one-sided, with a maximum of 5/8" margins using a standard black 11-12 point font with fixed spacing that can be photocopied - Do not reduce the line space or reduce by photocopying. The application should contain.

1. **Title page** with your name, degree(s), title, department, campus address, e-mail address, and telephone number.
2. **Summary-Abstract** page not to exceed ½ of the page length to include project title, specific aims, methods, and anticipated outcomes.
3. **NIH biographical sketch** of the key investigator and all investigators and consultants on the project.
4. **Budget** not to exceed 1 page with justification outlining expenditures for the project. The budget may include costs for technical assistance, effort for each investigator, supplies, and other expenses. Up to 20% of the budget can be used for faculty salary. The purchase of equipment is discouraged, as are funds for travel.
5. **Research Proposal.** The narrative portion is set at a maximum of **5 pages**, single spaced and a minimum font of 11-pitch. The proposal should include the following:
  - a. specific aims (no more than one-two paragraphs)
  - b. background
  - c. proposed research
  - d. plans for obtaining additional funding should the project be successful.
6. **Cited references** not to exceed 1 page.
7. **Optional** – Up to 3 letters of support from collaborators or consultants (maximum length 1 page).
8. **Supplementary Material.** Do *not* send supplementary material without prior approval from the Administrative Office or unless a specific request has been made by the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center's Research Review Committee. Applications will be disqualified, if not adhering to these specific guidelines.
9. Any deviation from the page limit will be automatically disapproved or rejected by the Research Review Committee.

## SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

**DEADLINE:** Applications will be accepted until **Noon, Wednesday, May 31, 2023** in the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center's Administrative Office, E220 GH.

**SUBMIT TO:** Please submit application as a **single PDF file** to Tami Thompson [tami-thompson@uiowa.edu](mailto:tami-thompson@uiowa.edu) in Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Administration by **Noon, Wednesday, May 31, 2023**.

## AWARD NOTIFICATION/ACCOUNT ACTIVATION

All projects must comply in full with the NIH policies concerning research on human subjects and/or animals.

Activation of the account number is dependent on receipt from the investigator of copies of the required approval forms from the institutional review boards. The investigator will be notified of their account number once copies of all assurances and certifications are provided to Cancer Center Administration.

The approvals include any of the following:

- (1) approval from the Cancer Center's Protocol Review Committee (Contact Cena Jones-Bitterman [cena-jones@uiowa.edu](mailto:cena-jones@uiowa.edu) );  
<https://www.uihealthcare.org/otherservices.aspx?id=20993>  
and  
the University's Institutional Review Board (IRB) Committee A (Contact 335-6564) for research involving the use of human subjects  
<http://www.research.uiowa.edu/hso/>
- (2) approval from the University's Animal Care and Use Committee by contacting the Animal Care Office (335-7985) for experiments in the use of animals  
<http://research.uiowa.edu/animal/>
- (3) approval from for experiments with the use of radioactive isotopes and for experiments with the use of DNA recombinant molecules  
<http://ehs.research.uiowa.edu/recombinant-dna-program>

After notice of award, copies of all approvals should be submitted electronically to Tami Thompson, [tami-thompson@uiowa.edu](mailto:tami-thompson@uiowa.edu). Required approvals need to be received before the MFK # for the award will be forwarded.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Recipients are required to submit written progress reports on an annual basis. Reports should include specific accomplishments, publications, and presentations, and future plans.

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