



Mezhir Awards for Collaborative Research

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Holden Family, the HCCC has an unprecedented opportunity to support the development of multi-investigator team science to address important research questions in cancer. This award will also honor the memory of Dr. James Mezhir. Letters-of-intent (see below) will be due by Noon on Monday, June 3, 2019.

Collaborative Teams must consist of three or more investigators and may be new teams or teams that are working together currently but need support to enhance their ability to obtain peer-reviewed external funding (see below). Collaborative Teams must include at least one HCCC member, and an HCCC member must be the team leader. The team leader is expected to be an established investigator, with a track record of extramural funding. Collaborative Teams may include investigators from other institutions, but funds requested via this mechanism must be spent at the University of Iowa.

The research focus of Collaborative Teams can address any cancer-relevant topic in basic, translational, clinical or population science. Support for Collaborative Teams is intended to advance the development of grant submissions to the NIH (such as P01, P50 or Multi-PI R01 grants) or other similar grants from other peer-reviewed funding agencies). It is expected that funded Collaborative Teams will submit such a proposal within 3 years of the award. Budget requests may be submitted for up to \$100,000.

LOIs will be reviewed initially by the HCCC Senior Leadership to assess the strength of the Collaborative Team, cancer relevance of the proposal, potential to develop multi-investigator grant submission within the next 3 years, and strategic goals of the HCCC.

LOIs (2pg. maximum) + NIH Biosketches for each member.

Title-of proposal

The Team- Indicate lead PI and identify team members (Institution, College, Department, rank, HCCC membership status). Include NIH Biosketches for each team member. Briefly indicate the role of each member of the team and why their expertise is necessary to project success.

The Topic- Briefly introduce the project, indicating cancer relevance and expected impact on the field. Indicate any aspects of the research environment of the HCCC (resources, knowledge base etc.) that can enable the success of the project.

The Target- Identify the funding mechanism(s) targeted for multi PI grant submissions. Name of agency and any relevant RFAs. Specify a timeline for submission and identify 2-3 milestones (scientific and/or organizational) necessary to achieve multi-investigator grant submission.

Budget- Include a budget and justification.

Please send LOIs as a single PDF document to Tami Thompson in HCCC Administration, tami-thompson@uiowa.edu .