



Translational Research Team Development Grant 2017

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

This competition will bring together a diverse array of researchers to focus on high impact, clinically relevant questions. Up to \$40,000 total over 1-2 years is available for each award. Funding is intended to foster the development of successful multi-investigator external grant applications on the order of \$500,000 or more. Specific uses for funds awarded include:

- A. Development or refining of resources (samples, cohorts, technologies) required to address the underlying translational research question(s), and/or
- B. Generation of preliminary data that will support application for external funding for team research in the next 1-2 years.

Given this framework, applications are to contain the following components:

A. Composition and collaborative history of the team

1. A listing of **up to 5 team members**, including one named Principal Investigator (P.I.).
 - a. Include affiliations and roles on the project (use Excel form provided).
2. For **each team member**, provide a single PDF containing:
A brief Biographical Sketch (max 2 pages per team member) including Most Significant Contributions (i.e., a list of lifelong contributions that have made an impact such as awards/recognition for research, publications, etc.) as well as all publications and grants over last 5 years, and all pending grant applications.
3. A description of past work most relevant to success of the team (max 1 page per application), including evidence of members' previous relevant collaboration or translational research activities.
4. Eligibility:
 - a. The Principle Investigator must hold a full-time primary faculty appointment at Queen's University.
 - b. Up to 1 Co-Principal Investigator is optional. Co-PI must hold full-time primary faculty appointment at Queen's University
 - c. Applications must include at least 3 named faculty investigators, preferably from different disciplines.

Criteria for evaluation of the teams will include: Leadership (availability of a credible P.I. for external team-based funding applications); Breadth of Expertise; and the potential for Team Synergy (including previous collaborative and translational work of team members). *These components will represent 50% of the final scoring of the application.*

B. Proposed Research Program

1. A description of the Project(s) (max 4 pages text + 2 pages figures + refs), including an introduction and specific aims (~1 page), the proposed methodology, and a timeline for completion of the work. A key component of the application will be a plan for how to transition the work to external funding. The final component of the application will be a description of the expected impact of the work and a proposal for transition to specific external funding competition(s). Preliminary data figures may also be included.

2. A Budget Justification (max 1 page). Eligible costs include operating expenses (e.g., travel, service fees from core facilities, reagents, supplies, and salaries for trainees and/or technical staff). Faculty salaries are NOT eligible.
3. **Overlap and multiple applications.** Include a statement (max 1 page) disclosing overlap between this funding request and any other pending funding request by any applicant or co-applicant. If this request overlaps with other applications, explain how funds would be used or relinquished. Note, if well-reasoned, applications across internal competitions for cancer research funding will be accepted.

Criteria for evaluation Clinical Relevance, Feasibility and Potential Impact, as well as likelihood to lead to a sustainable translational research program at Queen's/Kingston Health Sciences Centre. *These components and the separate budget and overlap justifications will represent 50% of the final scoring of the application.*

Timeline:

- Call for Proposals Announced – August 2017
- LOI with Investigator list and research keywords – September 19, 2017 by 5:00 pm
- Full Proposals due – October 19, 2017 by 5:00 pm
- Decisions – December 21, 2017
- Funding Start – February 1, 2018

Please send 1 paper copy and 1 electronic copy of all documents to:

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