Request for Proposals

LCRC Seed Grants

Funds are available from the Xavier LCRC program to help full-time Xavier faculty collect preliminary data to develop new research projects related to cancer. First priority for eligibility are junior or beginning faculty members who are in need of seed funds to start their research careers at Xavier, followed by senior faculty who need support to transition into a new research area.

LCRC Seed Grants will be awarded on an annual basis up to $50,000 (direct costs only, no indirects allowed by LCRC) dependent on available funds.

Faculty are encouraged to submit a proposal as soon as they identify a need for future funding. A Letter of Intent must be emailed to twiese@xula.edu no later than March 1.

Proposals will be reviewed and awarded as they are received until all available funds are allocated. The annual deadline is April 1, and applicants will be notified no later than May 1.

Proposals should focus on research activities that will yield preliminary data that can be used to support a subsequent larger grant proposal to an appropriate funding source.

Each proposal must include the following:

1.) OSP Clearance form is required, including a cover page that includes the title, the identity of the principal investigator, the amount requested;

2.) an abstract, one page or less, that describes the purpose and main goals of the project;

3.) a one-year detailed budget in NIH format;

4.) budget justification;

5.) a current biosketch for all faculty or trained personnel involved with the project including a list of current support and details on overlap with other support;

6.) a description of the project, which should include (a) specific aim(s), (b) research design and methods, (c) a timeline for accomplishing the project and resubmitting grant proposal, (d) expected outcomes. This portion of the bridge proposal should be in NIH format and limited to six (6) pages or less.

In addition, each PI must follow the Xavier pre-award clearance and approval process described at the following URL: http://www.xula.edu/ord/preaward.php. The seed proposal should be signed by the PI, the Chair, the Associate Dean for Scholarship and the Dean. Ideally, these
new projects will also utilize one or more of the three scientific Cores (Instrumentation, Molecular Structuring and Modeling, Cell and Molecular Biology) as appropriate to each project.

Award recipients are required to submit a semi-annual and annual progress reports to the LCRC Associate Director, Dr. Thomas Wiese. Award recipients are also required to reference the LCRC for support of their work in all relevant published manuscripts proceedings, and/or presentations.

Awards will be granted on a competitive basis. When an LCRC Seed Grant is awarded, both the PI and his/her Chair will be notified in writing, with copies to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and the appropriate Deans.

Please submit all completed proposals to:

Thomas Wiese, Ph.D.
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