

UCSF BRAIN TUMOR SPORE PROGRAM CAREER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The Career Enhancement Program (CEP) is a component of the UCSF Brain Tumor SPORE Program. The purpose of the CEP is to attract outstanding basic scientists and clinical investigators to the field of brain tumor research, to assist in the career development of junior faculty in the basic and clinical sciences, with a special emphasis on those individuals interested in brain tumor research, and to encourage collaborations between investigators which can lead to new ideas and directions in brain tumor research and can contribute to career development.

Awards: The CEP will fund two individuals at \$45,000 per year. Awards will be for a 12-month period with an additional year of funding available upon re-application.

Eligibility: Proposals will be accepted from clinical or basic science investigators at UCSF or Bay Area institutions. Application is limited to faculty who are eligible to apply for NIH R01 awards but who have not yet received R01 level funding in brain tumor-related research.

Applications: The application will consist of a title, name and affiliation of the PI, amount of funds requested, and an abstract of no more than 400 words briefly describing the importance of the project, the specific aims, and the potential relevance of the work to the diagnosis or therapy of brain tumors. All applications must be signed by the applicant and his/her departmental chair. Contract and grants approval is not required. Examples of previously funded proposals can be found at http://spores.nci.nih.gov/spores/abstracts/ucsf_brain.htm.

A completed application should include the following:

1. Face Page
2. Abstract and Relevance Page
3. Detailed Budget Page

The submission deadline is Friday September 15, 2023.

Application review: All applications will be reviewed by the Steering Committee of the UCSF Brain Tumor SPORE Program on the basis of translational potential, scientific quality, potential for development of the project to full project or clinical trial, and relevance to important issues in brain tumor therapy. Applicants submitting projects of interest will be asked to make a 20 minute presentation to the Steering Committee and to answer questions, after which final funding decisions will be made. The tentative funding start date will be **Oct. 1, 2023**.

Budgetary Guidelines: Funds may be used for personnel, supplies, or small equipment. Funds cannot be used to provide salary support for established PIs or to purchase large equipment.

Obligations of the Successful Applicant: Successful applicants will be expected to choose a mentor for their project from a group of experienced investigators. Alternate qualified mentors will also be considered. Successful applicants will also be required to present to the mentor a 4-5 page written plan for their project and to meet with the mentor on a regular basis. Awardees are also expected to participate in UCSF Brain Tumor SPORE activities including the monthly seminar series, and to make a presentation at the yearly Brain Tumor SPORE retreat. If re-applying for funding, a two page progress report detailed research progress and expenditures must be submitted after ten months of initial funding. If no further funding is requested, a progress report must be submitted at the end of the funding period.

To apply, send a completed electronic application to Joe Costello, PhD (joseph.costello@ucsf.edu) and cc Felicia Widjaja, (felicia.widjaja@ucsf.edu)

No hard copies will be accepted.

Additional questions can be directed to Joe Costello, P.I., Developmental Research Program

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