The Developmental Research Program (DRP) is a component of the UCSF Brain Tumor SPORE Program. The purpose of the DRP is to offer funds to both new and established investigators to initiate translationally oriented research projects that have the potential to impact the diagnosis or therapy of human brain tumors. Funded DRP Projects may also be advanced to full projects in the UCSF Brain Tumor SPORE.

Awards: The DRP is now accepting applications for two awards of up to $45,000 per awarded project. The award will be for a 12-month period with an additional year of funding available upon re-application.

Eligibility: Proposals will be accepted from all clinical or basic science investigators at UCSF or Bay Area institutions. Applications are, however, limited to faculty eligible to apply for NIH R01 awards.

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 August 5, 2022.

Application review: All applications will be reviewed by the Steering Committee of the 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 exceptional merit will be invited to make a 20 minute presentation to the Steering Committee and to answer questions, after which final funding decisions will be made. The tentative start date for awards will be Oct. 1, 2022.

Budgetary Guidelines: Funds may be used for personnel, supplies, or small equipment. Funds cannot, however, 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 participate in UCSF Brain Tumor SPORE activities and 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 detailing 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 Russ Pieper (russ.pieper@ucsf.edu)

No hard copies will be accepted.

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