

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 29, 2008

TO: Medical Center and College Science Department Chairmen and Institute Directors
Dean, Research and Translational Research
Dean, School of Nursing and Health Studies
Members of the Lombardi Cancer Center
Potential Grant Applicants

FROM: Peter Shields, MD
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RE: ACS INSTITUTIONAL GRANT

Based on the outcome of our prior American Cancer Society (ACS) Young Investigator Award, we are offering an additional opportunity to submit applications for funding consideration for the ACS Institutional Research Grant (IRG). The due date is midnight, September 1, 2008.

1. The purpose of the IRG is to provide awards for the initiation of promising new projects by junior faculty members (or their equivalent), so they can obtain preliminary results that will enable them to compete successfully for national research grants.
2. The grant will provide \$20,000 per year for each of four junior faculty members. We awarded one award to Rebecca Riggins in July, thus there are three awards available for funding. We hope that one of these awards will be a **Special Interest Award** in the areas of “psychosocial and behavioral aspects of cancer,” “access to care of under-served minorities,” “health policy or health services research”, and/or “childhood cancer.”
3. Each of the awards will be for one (1) year only and is not renewable. Priority will be given to projects that have a likelihood of future funding.

Specific details and the application are appended to this notification. Please note the following:

- Awards are for junior faculty only (research instructor and above) who are eligible to apply for independent national competitive research grants (e.g., NIH RO1 or an ACS project grant), but who do not currently hold such a grant. The investigator must have an independent research program or expect to have such in the next 1-2 years. The best evidence of this will be a history of submitting prior grants.
- Applicants should be within six (6) years of their first independent research or faculty appointment.
- Support of senior investigators, postdoctoral fellows, or junior investigators who have received prior support from an IRG is not permitted.
- The proposed research project must be cancer-related.
- Applicants must be, at the time of the application, citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States or its possessions or territories, or must have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence at the time of application. Permanent residents must submit, with the application, notarized evidence indicating that the candidate is in possession of an Alien Registration Receipt Card or has been approved for the issuance of such card as evidenced by an official passport stamp of the USIM and that the form number of the card is I-551.
- Application must include abstract, background, specific aims, methods, including statistical analysis, significance, collaboration, mentor support, career development plan, and how this project will lead to future funding.
- All applications must be submitted electronically as a single, low-resolution PDF file. Incomplete and non-electronic applications will be returned without scientific review.

The deadline for receipt of applications by Ellen McLaughlin (emm4@georgetown.edu) is **Monday, September 1, 2008**. Note that all applications must be submitted electronically as a single, low-resolution PDF file. Incomplete, non-PDF, and non-electronic applications will be returned without scientific review. The Local Institutional Research Grant Committee will award grants in October, following peer review.



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Please share this information with your division directors and junior faculty. Questions and requests for additional information should be directed to Brad Morse (bam46@georgetown.edu) or Ellen McLaughlin (emm4@georgetown.edu). All potential applicants are encouraged to discuss their applications with Peter Shields, MD, Deputy Director of Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.

*Please direct any membership questions to Ellen McLaughlin (emm4@georgetown.edu).

Enclosures:

Applications and Instructions



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