**The UCCC Cancer Survivorship Program Pilot Grant**

**Preliminary Grant Application (PGA)**

***IMPORTANT DEADLINES:***

***PGA DUE: NOVEMBER 20, 2020***

***FULL APPLICATION (SELECTED PGAs ONLY) DUE: JANUARY 15, 2021 BY 11:59 PM EST***

The UCCC Cancer Survivorship Program will offer two pilot grants of $50,000 each to facilitate research in adult and pediatric cancer survivorship.

**Goals:**

* Encourage interaction and collaboration and facilitate exploratory research whose purpose is to test interventions, develop research methodologies, and explore novel areas of research in cancer survivorship.
* Encourage the entry of young investigators into the field of cancer survivorship research.
* Generate preliminary data in projects that will lead to external funding and to ultimately have a positive impact on survivorship care.

**Requirements:**

* All projects should be directly related to cancer survivorship.
* The research focus can span the observational, clinical/translational research continuum including health services and health policy research. The application must address the assessment, prevention, management and/or intervention of survivorship issues that occur following the completion of active treatment of cancer (surgery, chemotherapy, and /or radiation). These assessments or interventions can occur prior to, during or after completion of therapy. Topics may include risk assessment, early detection, prevention and management of treatment related effects, prognostic biomarkers, epidemiologic studies, delivery of survivorship care (care plans, models of delivery), health disparities relevant to survivorship, quality of life, organizational integration of survivorship care, and patient or healthcare provider education.
* All projects should have a strong scientific basis for development into peer-reviewed extramural support. The application should include a defined plan of how the pilot provides the basis for developing larger, extramurally-funded projects.
* The project should not be part of other active, internally or externally funded grants.
* If parts of the project are under active consideration for funding by other mechanisms, and the funding is realized, any unused funds for the pilot grant, if funded, should be returned.
* All UC, CCHMC and VAMC investigators and co-investigators of application selected for funding will automatically be considered as members of the UCCC and will be expected to participate in the cancer survivorship activities.
* Funding may not be used for PI salaries (except for postdoctoral or clinical fellows, research associates, instructors to a maximum of $10,000/per), purchase of cellular devices or electronics, capital equipment (equipment exceeding $15k), indirect costs, or administrative services. Please see the UCCC Grants Policy for more details.

**Eligibility:**

All UC, CCHMC and VAMC faculty with at least 50% appointment are eligible to apply for funding as the PI. Clinical and postdoctoral research fellows, instructors and research associates are also eligible to apply as the PI, but will require their faculty advisor designated as the Mentor. Investigators from other institutions may participate as co-investigators, and in such instances, a UC, CCHMC or VAMC faculty member must be the PI.

**Review of Applications:**A two-stage process will be used for the review of applications. The first stage is a 1-page Preliminary Grant Application (PGA), followed by the submission of a 6-page Full Applications for those who are invited based on evaluation of the preliminary grant application.

**Preliminary Grant Application** All PGA submissions should contain:

* **UCCC Coversheet** (Please see required template)
* **1-page PGA** (*0.5-inch margins and Arial 11 font)* to include:
  + Project Title
  + Background (includes significance to survivorship)
    - Significance to Survivorship - The research focus can span the observational, clinical/translational research continuum including health services and health policy research. The application must address the assessment, prevention, management and/or intervention of survivorship issues that occur following the completion of active treatment of cancer (surgery, chemotherapy, and /or radiation). These assessments or interventions can occur prior to, during or after completion of therapy. Topics may include risk assessment, early detection, prevention and management of treatment related effects, prognostic biomarkers, epidemiologic studies, delivery of survivorship care (care plans, models of delivery), health disparities relevant to survivorship, quality of life, organizational integration of survivorship care, and patient or healthcare provider education.
  + Purpose/Aims/Hypotheses
  + Methodology (e.g., design, sample, setting, instruments, procedure, data analysis, and timeline (including submission to IRB and appropriate scientific review (e.g., PRMC)))
* **Biographical Sketch** of the applicant(s) current curriculum vitae or a PHS-398 bio sketch: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketch.pdf>

All PGAs will be reviewed by UCCC Cancer Survivorship Research Committee. If needed, external experts will be consulted. PIs of selected PGAs will be informed and invited to submit a full 6-page application.

The full application will be reviewed and scored by a review panel of experts for scientific content with the goal of leveraging the grant into additional extra-mural funding, and will be approved by UCCC leadership. The awardees will be recognized at a UCCC Cancer Survivorship Research Event (**attendance is expected**). Funding will be made available March 1.

**Receipt of Funding:**

Funding will be made available after the approval of the protocol by the IRB or IACUC as appropriate or documentation of existing protocol approval. The funds will be maintained and tracked by UCCC.

**Length of Funding:**

The grants will be awarded for a period of two years.

**Progress Report:**

All investigators who receive funding will be expected to provide a detailed progress report every 6 months for the duration of funding and up to five (5) years post award so any subsequent funding and/or publications can be captured. Progress reports should include status of the project and any abstracts, publications or secondary funding generated from this award. The template required for each report can be found on our website: <http://med.uc.edu/cancer/research/funding-opportunities>.

Timely submission of progress reports is required for the continuation of funding.

***Please submit electronic version of PGA to*:** alexandra.heekin@uc.edu

***If you have any questions please email or call:***

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| Alexandra Heekin, UCCC Grants Coordinator  University of Cincinnati Cancer Center  [alexandra.heekin@uc.edu](mailto:alexandra.heekin@uc.edu)  **The UCCC Cancer Survivorship Program Pilot Grant**  **PRELIMINARY GRANT REVIEW (PGA) COVERSHEET**  **Prelimanary Grant Application Due November 20, 2020 by 11:59pm EST** | |
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| **Mentor** (if applicable) (First, Last, **include credentials**) | |
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