

*Marlene Harris - Ride Cincinnati*

*Cancer Research Pilot Grant Program*

*Administered by the UC Cancer Center*

***Important Deadlines***

**PGA of Intent Due: November 20, 2020**

**Full Application Due (Selected LOIs ONLY): January 15, 2021**

**Introduction**

The Ride Cincinnati Foundation was started by three Cincinnati men whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. Their wives and a daughter have all faced this disease over the last 15 years. Unfortunately, one of the wives lost her 15-year battle in 2005. Her wish was to continue raising funds to support breast cancer research to find a cure for this disease that affects both women and men.

The Marlene Harris – Ride Cincinnati supports innovative and novel pilot research projects in basic, translational, clinical and population-based research in breast cancer. Administered through the UC Cancer Institute, it serves to facilitate cancer research through interaction and collaboration of investigators and to encourage the entry of new investigators into the field of cancer research. The Marlene Harris-Ride Cincinnati Cancer Research Pilot Grant also serves as a valuable catalyst bringing together investigators to translate laboratory findings into clinical therapies to benefit patients.

**Goals of the Program**

The goals of the program are to:

* Increase collaborative interaction to foster innovative cancer research
* Facilitate novel approaches in cancer research
* Encourage entry of new investigators into cancer research
* Facilitate the translation of laboratory findings into clinical interventions
* All grants should have a strong scientific basis for potential development into peer-reviewed extramural funding.

**Award**

In 2021, The Marlene Harris-Ride Cincinnati Cancer Research Pilot Grant Program will award a total of $200,000. Applicants may request up to a maximum of $50,000. Four grants will be awarded specifically for breast cancer research projects. The grants will be awarded for a period of one year with the possibility of a one-year renewal contingent upon adequate progress and availability of funds. Renewal applications will be in competition with new applications for funding.

**Eligibility**

All UC & CCHMC faculty and medical professionals are eligible to apply for funding. Applicants who have previously been funded under this program are eligible to reapply for funding as competitive renewals or new applications. All renewal applications will be in competition with new applications for funding.

**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 Full Application for those who are invited based on evaluation of the preliminary grant application.

The UCCC Grant Selection Committee will review the applications for final decision. The following items must be submitted for an application to be considered complete and eligible for review.

* **UCCC Coversheet** (Please see required template)
* **Abstract:** Explain why this work is important (not to exceed 250 words in Arial 11 font)
* **Project Narrative**: The narrative is limited to a maximum of 6 typewritten pages (excluding references) in no less than Arial 11-point font. All text, tables and figures must be included in the body of the application and no appendices will be accepted other than appropriate letters of support. Included in the narrative should be background, hypothesis and specific aims, preliminary data (not mandatory), experimental design and a timeline of the study plan including submission to IRB and other appropriate review committees.
* **References**
* **Budget:** The budget should include only items needed to perform the project. PI’s salary, cellular devices, capital equipment, indirect costs or administrative services may not be included. Exceptions may be made if a proven need exists. Any purchase of electronics (i.e. computers, laptops, tablets, etc.) belong to the University and must be relinquished to the UCCI Grants Office at the closing of the grant or expiration of funding. Please see the UCCI Grants Policy for more information. Salary of postdoctoral fellow or research staff relative to the effort on the project may be included. Projects are limited to a maximum of $50,000 for one year. The budget should be submitted in PHS398 format: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp4.pdf>
* **Budget Justification:** The budget justification is a separate document from the budget and must itemize and explain all items directly related to the research project.
* **Biographical sketch** of the PI and Co-Investigators current curriculum vitae in PHS-398 format <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketch.pdf>
* **Other Support:** All project investigators’ active and pending sources of research support.Use PHS-398 format: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/competing_othersupport.pdf>

For investigators moving into new, innovative areas of work, the absence of preliminary data will not preclude funding. The role of the presented project in leading toward successful extra-mural funding should be addressed. In addition, selected PIs will have an opportunity to present their study findings at a UCCI Center & Program Leadership Meeting.

**Progress Report**

The investigators who receive funding will be expected to provide a detailed progress report every 6 months for the duration of funding and annually for up to 5 years post award so any subsequent funding and/or publications can be captured. Progress reports should include status of 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. Additional progress reports (written or in person) may be requested by the donor and will be coordinated with the investigator in advance.

**Discontinuation of Funding**

In the event that a Principal Investigator leaves the respected institution or if no substantive progress has been made within 12 months on the project, the UCCI reserves the right to rescind the remaining grant money that is available to the PI. Review and decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis. In the instance funding is rescinded, the funds will be reinvested into the Marlene Harris Ride Cincinnati Fund.

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

**The UCCC Marlene Harris-Ride Cincinnati Cancer Research Pilot Grant Program**

**PRELIMINARY GRANT REVIEW (PGA) COVERSHEET**

**Prelimanary Grant Application Due November 20, 2020 by 11:59pm EST**

**Project Title**:

**Principal Investigator**: (include credentials)

Position Title:

Division/Department:

Telephone: Email Address:

**Co-Investigator** (include credentials): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Human Subjects: ☐ Yes ☐ No Animals: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Budget Requested:

APPLICANT: Applicant Signature Date

***Please submit electronic version of LOI to:***

UCCI Grants Office – Alexandra Heekin, alexandra.heekin@uc.edu

***If you have any questions, please contact:***

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