## Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

## SPORE in Gastrointestinal Cancer

**Developmental Research Program Call for Applications**

We are pleased to announce the availability of pilot project grants for the conduct of basic, translational, or clinical research on the cause, prevention, detection, control, or treatment of GI cancers. Original projects with the potential to develop into independent R01 grants with a focus on GI cancers are encouraged.

Funds are available to qualified faculty from Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Vanderbilt University, Meharry Medical College, and Tennessee State University. Underrepresented minority investigators are encouraged to apply. Up to $50,000 will be awarded for a one-year period with the opportunity for a one-year renewal based on measurable progress of impact. Current GI SPORE pilot project recipients who are considering a renewal application are encouraged to contact Dr. Bob Coffey to discuss the likelihood of success of an additional year of funding. All applications will be evaluated by peer review. The anticipated start date is June 1 of each year.

**Interested applicants for the Developmental Research Program should submit the following:**

1. Face page
2. NIH biographical sketches for the proposed investigator(s)
3. Research proposal limited to 5 pages as follows:
   1. Specific aims
   2. Background and significance
   3. Experimental design
4. Detailed budget for the project period (earliest anticipated start is June 1)
5. Budget justification (include a certification that there is no financial or scientific overlap with existing projects)

**Applications are due Monday, May 3, 2021. To apply electronically,**please submit a single PDF containing all documentation through the [VICC Pilot Project Application Portal](https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=9HPTMLLFLL). A link to the application portal can also be found at the top right-hand corner of the VICC Funding Opportunities web page (<https://www.vicc.org/research/funding-opportunities>). In the VICC Pilot Project Application Portal, please select “GI SPORE Pilot Project” from the dropdown options.

The VICC GI SPORE may require presentations of competitive projects to the Developmental Research Advisory Committeebefore final funding selections. Periodic oral and written progress reports will be required.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact Meghan O’Loughlin at [meghan.oloughlin@vumc.org](mailto:meghan.oloughlin@vumc.org).

**GI SPORE Pilot Project Application - Face Page**

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| Applicant Name, degree(s) |  |
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| eRA Commons User Name |  |
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| Co-Investigator(s) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Academic Rank |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Major fields of study to which project is related |  |

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| Project title |  |

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| Amount Requested | $ |

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| Does this study involve: | Yes |  | No |
| Use of human subjects? |  | (include IRB status) |  |
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| Use of vertebrate animals? |  | (include IACUC status) |  |
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| Recombinant DNA? |  |  |  |
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| Radioactive isotopes? |  |  |  |

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| IRB Status: |  |

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| IACUC Status: |  |

GI SPORE Pilot Project Application - Budget and Justification

Expenditures NOT Allowed Include:

Large equipment, salary for the principal investigator, salary for secretarial / administrative personnel, office supplies or office equipment, office or laboratory furniture, foreign travel, purchasing and bindings of periodicals, dues and membership fees, recruiting and relocating expenses, rental of office or laboratory space, per diem charges for hospital beds & non‐medical or personnel services to patients.

Budget Expenditures Allowed Include:

Small equipment purchases or rentals, research supplies, animal purchases and maintenance costs, technical assistance, domestic travel (necessary to carry our proposed research), registration fees at relevant meetings & special fees (computer time, pathology, photography, etc.)

**Personnel.**  Please include names, if selected; nature of position (e.g., technical); and effort as a percentage on project. (Include fringe benefits if needed).

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| Total personnel requested | $ |

**Research supplies:** Give categories (e.g., glassware, chemicals) and approximate cost in each category.

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| Total research supplies requested | $ |

**Other expenses:** Itemize.

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| Total other expenses requested | $ |

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| **Total budget requested** | $ |