**GIVE HOPE & BSI Engineering BASIC Research**

**Funding Opportunity**

***Important Deadlines***

**Call for Applications May 1, 2021**

**Deadline for Applications July 1, 2021**

**Awards announced and funds available by August 1, 2021**

**Introduction**

The GIVE HOPE & BSI Engineering Pancreatic Cancer Research and Awareness Fund was founded in 2010 to raise funds to benefit Pancreatic Cancer Research, Education, Prevention & Awareness Programs in the United States with preference given to organizations in Southwest Ohio. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support a basic science lab-based grant. The focus of this offering is adult oncology research that may increase community awareness about the importance of prevention and early detection.

GIVE HOPE aims to expedite progress in the fight against pancreatic cancer, the fourth deadliest form of cancer in the United States, and reduce the fatality rate. Symptoms are often vague and easily confused with other diseases. Give Hope partners with BSI Engineering to provide a research grant award to UC Cancer Center research faculty.

**Goals of the Program**

Although the fight against pancreatic cancer continues to be an uphill battle, progress is being made. With continued research and awareness programs, the potential of surviving this disease can vastly increase. The GIVE HOPE & BSI Engineering Pancreatic Cancer Research and Awareness Fund is soliciting proposals for pancreatic cancer-related research pilot projects in basic, translational or clinical research.

**Award**

In 2021, GIVE HOPE and BSI Engineering will offer 1 basic science grant of $60,000. The grants will be awarded for a period of one year with the possibility of renewal contingent upon adequate progress and availability of funds.

**Eligibility**

All UC faculty and medical professionals are eligible to apply for funding. Clinical and postdoctoral research fellows, instructors and research associates are eligible to apply as co-investigators with their UC faculty advisor or mentor as the principal investigator (PI).

**Review of Applications**

Please submit a 6-page full application using the criteria below. Applicants will undergo rigorous peer-review by the UCCC Grant Selection Committee for final decision. Reviews will be scored in accordance with NIH grant review guidelines.

**Applications**

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 and how funding could lead to an National Cancer Institute (NCI) grant application (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 UCCC Grants Office at the closing of the grant or expiration of funding. Please see the UCCC 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 $60,000 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 **NOTE THE NEW BIOSKETCH REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE MAY 25, 2021** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-073.html> Access the instructions and blank form here <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>
* **Other Support:** All project investigator’s active and pending sources of research support.Access the new OTHER SUPPORT Document here: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/othersupport.htm>

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 UCCC Center & Program Leadership Meeting. Please see the UCCC Grant Policy for details.

**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 will be provided to awardees. 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 a Give Hope & BSI Engineering grant Principal Investigator (PI) leaves their respected institution or if no substantive progress has been made within 12 months on the project, the UCCC 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 Give Hope/BSI Engineering Fund.

***Please submit electronic version of Application to the UCCC Grants Coordinator at*** ***UCCCgrants@uc.edu******.***