



## Stand Up To Cancer Dream Team Translational Research Grant

### CALL FOR IDEAS

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), on behalf of Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C), calls upon members of the cancer community to contribute their ideas to the groundbreaking Stand Up To Cancer Dream Team Translational Research Grant.

We invite the submission of ideas for a translational cancer research project that will address critical problems in patient care, including prevention strategies for those at risk, and deliver near-term patient benefit through investigation by a multidisciplinary, multi-institutional, collaborative Dream Team of expert investigators. The ideas may focus on particular organ sites, patient populations (such as pediatrics), or on innovative methods of treatment. Projects must be designed to accelerate the application of new preventive, diagnostic or therapeutic approaches to the clinic (i.e., lead to patient involvement within 2-3 years from the beginning of the grant). Proposals for Dream Team research projects must present plans indicating how the work will be translated into the clinic. The ideas should be based on perceived opportunities for success as well as high-priority areas with a critical need for rapid progress beyond current medical care.

Through a partnership with leading health care research and innovation collaborative OptumLabs, each team will have the ability to conduct research using OptumLabs' proprietary database of de-identified claims and electronic health record data, analytic tools, and research support to pursue the proposed goals of the Dream Team. Appendix A in the Program Guidelines provides more information on OptumLabs. Collaboration with OptumLabs provides researchers access to real world data to support health service and population health research.

OptumLabs will be conducting information sessions for applicants who are interested in learning more about the OptumLabs Data Warehouse. If you would like more information or to register to attend, please email [proposals.optumlabs@optum.com](mailto:proposals.optumlabs@optum.com) by August 1, 2017 and include your name, institution and Dream Team Leader name. OptumLabs will contact interested parties about next steps, including dates and times of the information sessions.

Letters of Intent will be reviewed by the SU2C Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), and Teams with the most promising idea submissions will be invited to submit full proposals. The SAC will select an SU2C Dream Team from the invited proposals. The SU2C Dream Team will be awarded up to \$10 million over the three-year term of the grant.

### LETTER OF INTENT INSTRUCTIONS

Letters of Intent must be submitted by **12:00 p.m. (noon) U.S. Eastern Time on September 5, 2017**, using the proposalCENTRAL website at <https://proposalcentral.altum.com>.

#### GETTING STARTED IN proposalCENTRAL

If you are a new user of proposalCENTRAL, follow the "REGISTER" link and complete the registration process. After you register, complete your Professional Profile (second tab from the left) before starting the application.

If you are already registered with proposalCENTRAL, access the site and log in with your username and password. If you have forgotten your password, click on the "Forgot your password?" link. Supply your e-mail address or your User ID in the space provided; your password will be sent to you by e-mail.

To initiate a Letter of Intent, select the Grant Opportunities tab (gray tab furthest to the right). A list of grant mechanisms will be displayed. Filter the list by searching for American Association for Cancer Research. Search for the Program titled "**SU2C Dream Team Translational Research Grant**" and click the "Apply Now" link (second to last column) to create your Letter of Intent.



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Complete all fields in the Letter of Intent and the template provided. Upload all requested documents in portable document format (PDF). See the proposalCENTRAL FAQ section, <https://proposalcentral.altum.com/FAQ/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.asp>, for more information.

If you have any difficulties registering, logging in, or creating your Letter of Intent, contact proposalCENTRAL Customer Support immediately:

Phone: (800) 875-2562 or (703) 964-5840

E-mail: [pcsupport@altum.com](mailto:pcsupport@altum.com)

### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE LETTER OF INTENT:

Submissions must be no longer than two (2) pages and utilize no smaller than 11-point type (font) size.

Submissions must include the following elements:

- Project Summary Statement – Briefly describe the idea for a translational research project and provide justification for the proposed research project with background information. After submitting the Summary Statement in proposalCENTRAL, please select the Research Area(s) and Tumor Site(s) most appropriate to the proposed project.
- Clinical Impact – Describe how your proposed research as a multidisciplinary, multi-institutional, collaborative Dream Team would result in advancing cancer treatments and deliver near-term patient benefit.
- Timeline – Provide a study plan toward realizing the clinical impact.
- Approach – Describe the research approaches and identify Key Personnel, i.e. **Dream Team Leader, Dream Team Co-leader, and no more than four additional Dream Team Principals, whose expertise would contribute successfully to the suggested research project. Each Team must also include a Dream Team Project Manager and at least two Advocates.** Dream Team Leader, Co-leader and Principals must be from different institutions. See the Program Guidelines for additional information.
- Key Literature References – References to publications supporting the proposed research project may be included and do not count toward the two-page limit.

In addition, the submission of an NIH Biosketch is required for the Dream Team Leader, Co-leader, and all Principals. Do not exceed five (5) pages per individual. The NIH Biosketch template is available for download at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To maximize creativity, innovation, and collaboration, the Dream Team must include laboratory and clinical researchers, senior and/or young investigators, and senior scientists who have not worked together in the past.

**Each Team will consist of a Dream Team Leader, a Dream Team Co-leader, one of whom should be an expert in translational research, no more than four additional Dream Team Principals, a Dream Team Project Manager, and at least two Advocates,** with no more than six but a minimum of three participating institutions. The Dream Team Leader, Dream Team Co-leader, Dream Team Principals, Dream Team Project Manager, and Advocates are collectively referred to as **Key Personnel**. The Dream Team Leader, Co-leader and Principals, must have acquired a doctoral or medical degree, and must be independent investigators affiliated with an academic, medical, or research institution. There are no citizenship or residency status restrictions. No Dream Team will have more than one Leader, Co-leader or Principal from any given institution at the time of



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their initial appointment on the Team. Except from the Project Manager and Advocates, no more than two Key Personnel may be from affiliated institutions. It is expected that additional Investigators from the Dream Team Leader's, Co-leader's or Principals' institutions may be involved in the Dream Team research project in some other capacity, and there is no limit to the number of Investigators from each of these institutions that may contribute to the Dream Team project.

There are no citizenship or residency status restrictions. Neither members of the SU2C Scientific Advisory Committee, nor members of their individual laboratories are eligible for funding as part of the SU2C Dream Team. A scientist should not be funded on more than one SU2C-sponsored Dream Team grant. Except for the Dream Team Leader and Co-leader, scientists may be funded concurrently on SU2C and SU2C Canada grants. No more than fifty percent of the Principals (including Leader and Co-leader) from a previous Dream Team may apply as a group on a new Dream Team proposal.

### Definitions:

Dream Team Leader. The Dream Team Leader (DTL) is the person responsible for the scientific and technical direction of the proposed research project, contractual and financial obligations, and other organizational assurances/certifications. The DTL must ensure that the Team complies with the terms and conditions of the award, and will be the primary contact person for AACR's Scientific Review and Grants Administration (SRGA) staff.

Dream Team Co-leader. The Dream Team Co-leader is designated by the DTL to assist in directing the scientific and technical work of the Team. A Co-leader will serve as an alternate contact person for AACR's SRGA staff.

The DTL and Co-leader are expected to each dedicate at least 20 percent (or 40 percent combined) of their time and effort to the Dream Team research project.

Dream Team Principals. Dream Team Principals (DTPs) are senior investigators who lead a component(s)/subproject(s) of the Dream Team research project. DTPs must dedicate at least 10 percent of their time and effort to the Dream Team research project.

Dream Team Project Manager. The Dream Team Project Manager (PM) is the administrative leader of the Dream Team and the key administrative contact for the Team with Stand Up To Cancer and the American Association for Cancer Research. The PM is responsible for the coordination of all team efforts to consistently maintain a high level of functionality, collaboration and communication.

Advocates. Advocates bring the perspectives of those affected by cancer (e.g., patients, survivors, caregivers) to the work of Dream Team. They enable the Dream Team scientists to see their research through the eyes of the target audience and integrate these perspectives into the direction of the Dream Team research. While each Dream Team has unique needs, Advocates commonly suggest ways to minimize patient burdens in clinical trial protocols, develop patient-friendly consent forms, and reduce disparities in clinical trial participation by increasing awareness and using culturally appropriate materials and methods.

Investigators. Senior investigators, other than the DTLs and DTPs who are employed at the DTL's or DTP's institutions and contribute substantively to the Dream Team research project may be included as members of the Dream Team.

Young Investigators. Junior faculty (i.e. independent investigators who have completed their training no more than five years prior to the start of the grant term), postdoctoral fellows, clinical research fellows, or any other researchers-in-training who are working under the direction of a scientific mentor (i.e., a DTL, Co-leader, DTP, or Investigator) may be included as members of the Dream Team.

Collaborators. These are senior investigators who are employees or subcontractors of a government institution/agency or a for-profit industry. A Collaborator also may be an individual from an academic, medical, or research institution. No SU2C funds may be directly awarded to Collaborators or any other individual working



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within a U.S. government institution/agency or a for-profit industry. Confidentiality and intellectual property issues must be negotiated with Collaborators prior to their participation in a Dream Team research project.

Candidates with a question about the eligibility requirements are encouraged to contact the AACR SRGA Office at [SU2C@aacr.org](mailto:SU2C@aacr.org) prior to submitting the proposal.

### LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE

September 5, 2017 by 12:00 p.m. (noon) U.S. Eastern Time

### QUESTIONS?

E-mail (preferred): [SU2C@aacr.org](mailto:SU2C@aacr.org)

Phone: +1 215 440 9300



**I. LETTER OF INTENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last (Family)* *First (Given)* *Middle Initial*

Degree:  MD  PhD  MD, PhD  PharmD  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*City* *State/Province* *Postal Code*

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Country code (City code) Telephone number*

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last (Family)* *First (Given)* *Middle Initial*

Assistant's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include this completed sheet as the cover page for your LOI submission**



## II. LETTER OF INTENT

*Must be no more than two pages in length (excluding references)*

- Title of Research Project - Should not exceed 75 characters, including spaces. Do not use abbreviations unless absolutely necessary.
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