

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. High-risk/high-payoff pilot 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. 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 (robert.coffey@vumc.org) to discuss the likelihood of success of an additional year of funding before applying. All applications will be evaluated by peer review. In 2025, up to two \$50,000 grants will be awarded for 8-month projects beginning December 1. In future years, up to two \$50,000 grants will be awarded for one-year projects beginning August 1.

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

- 1.) Face page (below)
- 2.) NIH biographical sketches for the proposed investigator(s)
- 3.) Research proposal limited to 5 pages as follows:
 - a. Specific aims
 - b. Background and significance
 - c. Experimental design
- 4.) Budget for the project period using the [NIH PHS 398 detailed budget form page](#) (earliest anticipated start is June 1, 2023)
- 5.) Budget justification (include a certification that there is no financial or scientific overlap with existing projects)

Applications are due. To apply electronically, please submit a single PDF containing all documentation through the [VICC Pilot Project Application Portal](#). 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 DRP pilot project" from the dropdown options.

The VICC GI SPORE may require presentations of competitive projects to the Developmental Research Advisory Committee before final funding selections. Periodic oral and written progress reports will be required. If you have questions or comments, please contact Meghan O'Loughlin at meghan.oloughlin@vumc.org.

GI SPORE Pilot Project Application - Face Page

Applicant Name, degree(s)

eRA Commons Username/ID

Address

Phone

Email

Department Grants
Administrator

Administrator Phone

Administrator Email

Co-Investigator(s)

Academic Rank

Department

Major fields of study to which
project is related

Project title

Amount Requested \$

Does this study involve:
Use of human subjects?

Yes		No
☐	(If yes, include IRB status or approval)	☐

Use of vertebrate animals?

☐	(If yes, include IACUC status or approval)	☐
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Recombinant DNA? ☐ ☐

Radioactive isotopes? ☐ ☐

IRB Status:

IACUC
Status:

GI SPORE Pilot Project Application - Budget and Justification

Budget

Use the NIH PHS 398 detailed budget form page (Form Page 4: Detailed Budget for Initial Budget Period)
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>.

Pilot project funds are to be used to support research activities.

- Budget Expenditures Allowed Include:
Small equipment purchases or rentals, research supplies, animal purchases and maintenance costs, technical assistance, domestic travel (necessary to carry out proposed research), registration fees at relevant meetings & special fees (computer time, pathology, photography, etc.)
- 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 Justification

Provide a short description of each expenditure. Include a certification that there is no financial or scientific overlap with existing projects.