

## GMaP Region 4 Research Support Award Fact Sheet

**Purpose:** The purpose of the GMaP Region 4 Research Stimulus Awards is to support a range of cancer research activities. Applications are strongly encouraged from cancer investigators who are underrepresented in the biomedical sciences according to NIH guidelines for underrepresented populations or cancer disparities researchers. We welcome applications from any discipline and institution across the Region 4 region (CT, IA, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, WI). The goal of the Research Stimulus Awards is to stimulate new research, with all expenses to be invoiced by June 30, 2022. Funding is available up to \$1500.00.

Examples of research activities that will be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Research that generates new information relevant to cancer regardless of whether the context of the discovery is the laboratory or the field and has the potential to inform a larger grant application as preliminary findings.
- Costs associated with the processing/assaying of biospecimens
- Purchase of secondary data or assembly of data/analytic datasets
- Publication costs
- Literature reviews and summary
- Support to supplement an existing research study by adding a research aim
- Research support personnel (biostatisticians, biomedical informaticians, qualitative analysts, other experts, writing assistance)
- Travel necessary to perform the research
- Incentives for research participants
- Transcription costs
- Non-computer equipment such as research supplies, software and core lab costs
- Trainee stipend and research expenses for mentored-trainee project

Research Stimulus Award funding **may not** be budgeted for (1) salary support for the awarded investigator, (2) office supplies or computers.

Please contact GMaP Region 4 Regional Coordinating Director Carrie Norbeck at [Carrie.Norbeck@fccc.edu](mailto:Carrie.Norbeck@fccc.edu) if you have any questions about included research support categories.

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**Eligible Investigators:** This award mechanism is open to all developing cancer researchers who are members of Region 4 (i.e. pre-docs, post-docs, early-stage faculty) who are underrepresented in the biomedical sciences or studying cancer health disparities. All non-faculty applicants must include a faculty research mentor. The faculty research mentor does not have to be a member of GMaP Region 4. If you are not a member of Region 4, join [here](#).

- GMaP Region 4 – CT, IA, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, WI.
- Complete a Research Support Award application form.
- Preference will be given to applicants who intend to apply for one of the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities [CURE Awards](#) within the upcoming year.

**Award Information:** Research Stimulus Awards will be awarded via post-purchase Reimbursement only. The awardee will make the initial purchase(s) and will be required to show proof of purchase via original receipts and proof of payment along with completion of a Reimbursement Form. Institutions cannot be reimbursed – all purchases must be made by the investigator personally. All funds must be expended by June 30, 2022. GMaP Region 4 staff will work with funded projects throughout the funding period to monitor progress and provide assistance where necessary. A final report of outcomes will be required. Additionally, GMaP Region 4 expects the applicant to acknowledge this funding opportunity in all outcomes achieved due in part or in full from the GMaP Region 4 Research Stimulus Award.

**Review Criteria:** Applications should be presented in a clear and logical fashion, make a convincing case for the significance of the work or clear justification for how the funding will stimulate your research or development as a researcher, and describe the proposed methods in sufficient detail so that an adequate evaluation of the application can be made.

The following review criteria will be considered (not exhaustive given the variety of projects to be considered):

- 1) Significance of the work or justification for the funding request.
- 2) How will the requested stimulus research funding advance the candidate's research development?
- 3) Description of the extent to which the requested funding will advance your ability to compete for external funding and which external funding source(s) you anticipate applying to
- 4) Soundness of the proposed methods (if relevant)

\*\*\*Caution: Projects that will require a new, full human subjects application for review will not be considered due to the funding time window. However, projects that will require an IRB modification or expected to be exempted from full review will be considered.

- 6) Feasibility of accomplishing the stated project goals by June 30, 2022.

- 7) CURE eligibility and plans for application and/or cancer health disparities research plans for application

**Application Procedure:** Applications must be submitted using the application form along with supplemental materials. The application sections are:

- 1) Abstract: A summary of the application (250 word maximum).
- 2) Career Impact: Briefly describe the likelihood for your project/funding request to influence your development as a researcher (250 word maximum).
- 3) Research Impact (if applicable): How will the funding advance the science? (1/2 page maximum)
- 4) Connection to Research Plan (if appropriate): Provide detail on how this research supports your overall Research Plan. If relevant, include Specific Aims, Approach, and Project Timeline. Projects that will require a new full human subjects application for review will not be considered due to the funding time window. However, projects that will require IRB modification or are expected to be exempted (e.g. for a secondary data analysis) will be considered. (2 page limit, including tables and figures. References do not count towards the page limit.)
- 5) Cited References (No page limit)
- 6) Budget: The total budget up to \$1,500 is available.
- 7) Budget Justification: Include sufficient detail for reviewers to assess the appropriateness for the funding relevant to your development or your research.
- 8) Human and/or Animal Subjects: Indicate whether or not your project will require or already has human subjects research. If project is funded, then a copy of IRB approval or exemption will be required before the release of funds.
- 9) NIH Biosketch (Faculty applicants) or Curriculum Vitae (All non-faculty applicants).
- 10) Letter from Research Mentor if pre-doc.

## Special Notes:

- All expenses must be charged and received by Fox Chase Cancer Center by June 30, 2022 for reimbursement. Original itemized receipts/proof of payment are required. Reimbursement forms will be provided. You must provide a current W-9 form along with the reimbursement form in order for your reimbursement to be processed.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Limited funds are available.
- Only one application/event per scholar.
- This is a competitive award. A committee will convene to approve awards based on merit.
- Allow a minimum of 1 weeks for review of application.
- If awarded, you will be required to complete a short Post Event/Outcomes Report.

## Application Submission

- Send completed application and materials to [carrie.norbeck@fccc.edu](mailto:carrie.norbeck@fccc.edu) with subject line: GMaP Region 4 Research Stimulus Award Application.
- For more information contact Carrie Norbeck, GMaP R4 Regional Coordinating Director, at [carrie.norbeck@fccc.edu](mailto:carrie.norbeck@fccc.edu).