Translational Pilot Awards in Gynecologic Cancer Health Disparities
Request for Applications

The Northwestern University Cancer Health Equity Research SPORE (NU-CHERS) is a NCI-funded developmental SPORE (P20CA233304) focusing on gynecologic cancer health disparities. NU-CHERS is seeking applications for pilot projects that utilize contemporary translational approaches to advance equity in the detection, diagnoses, and treatment of gynecologic cancers.

Proposed projects must demonstrate high-impact innovation in clinical and basic science research and focus on a complex, poorly understood area of gynecologic cancer disparities research, in particular, ovarian, endometrial and especially cervical cancer research. Applicants must submit a letter of intent and participate in a 30-minute technical consult call with the NU-CHERS leadership to ensure their research aims align with the mission of this SPORE and there is adequate support from the NU-CHERS cores and other entities across Northwestern and the Lurie Cancer Center.

Career Enhancement Development Pilot Awards

Career Enhancement Development Pilot Awards are intended to create a career enhancement pipeline for early-stage and established investigators to enhance or refocus their career on translational research with a gynecologic cancer disparities focus and develop a project for smallscale federal funding (e.g., NIH R03 or R21 mechanisms).

PI Eligibility:

- Early-stage investigators (per NIH definition) with a focus on cancer health equity or an established investigator who wishes to enhance or refocus their career on translational gynecologic cancer disparities research.
- Pre- and post-doctoral fellows are ineligible. Advanced post-doctoral or clinical fellows who have a NU appointment letter stating they will be joining as faculty within the year of awarded funding are eligible.
- Investigators supported under the NCI K series are eligible.
- Underrepresented minority investigators are encouraged to apply.
- Full proposal will require PI to name at least three mentors with at least one mentor being NU-CHERS key personnel and will be delegated by NU-CHERS leadership. Mentors must include one basic investigator and one clinical investigator. NU-CHERS can help identify potential mentors.

Budget: Career Enhancement Pilot Awards are one-year awards that provide up to $25,000 in direct costs with no additional support for indirect cost. The amount of support provided will be contingent on project scope and availability of funds.

Developmental Research Project Awards

Developmental Research Project Awards support larger collaborative projects and are intended to help generate feasibility data with translational potential and evolve into potential full projects in a future NU-CHERS application for a P50 SPORE (PAR-20-305) focused on gynecologic cancer health disparities.

PI Eligibility:

- Tenure-track faculty members in basic science or clinical research.
- Full proposal will require two or more principal investigators with at least one basic scientist and one clinician. Basic science investigators who currently do not have a clinical collaborator are encouraged to submit LOI. NU-CHERS can help identify a clinical collaborator for the full proposal.
- Underrepresented minority investigators are encouraged to apply.

Budget: Developmental Research Project Awards are two-year awards that provide up to $50,000 in direct costs with no additional support for indirect costs. The amount of support provided will be contingent on project scope and availability of funds.

Submission timeline:

- Submit completed LOI Form via email to denisha.brown1@northwestern.edu on or before April 11, 2021.
- Technical consultations will be held via Zoom and scheduled subsequent to LOI submission.
- Full Proposals will be due by mid-May 2021. Full proposal guidelines will be provided after consultation.
- Award funding for successful applications may begin immediately.

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Letter of Intent Form

Send completed LOI Form to denisha.brown1@northwestern.edu
on or before Sunday, April 11, 2021.

Questions regarding NU-CHERS funding opportunities may be directed to NU-CHERS Project Manager, Denisha Brown, at denisha.brown1@northwestern.edu.

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Grant Program (select one):	☐ Career Enhancement Development Pilot Project Award ☐ Developmental Research Project Award		
Contact PI Name:		**Email:**	
Contact PI Title:		**Phone:**	
Contact PI Department:			
Co-PI or Mentor Names (please indicate if requesting NU-CHERS to help identify collaborators):			
Proposed Project Title:			

PROJECT SUMMARY (Please limit to 1,000 words.)