

## Translational Pilot Awards in Gynecologic Cancer Health Disparities

### Request for Applications

Open to all tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty.

The Northwestern University Cancer Health Equity Research SPORE ([NU-CHERS](#)) is a NCI-funded developmental SPORE (P20CA233304, PI: Dr. Melissa Simon) 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 small-scale 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. Tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty are eligible.
- 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 two mentors including one basic science or translational science mentor and one population health science or clinical mentor. A third mentor will be a key person on the NU-CHERS P20 award and will be delegated by NU-CHERS leadership.

**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 and non-tenure-track faculty are eligible.
- Underrepresented minority investigators are encouraged to apply.
- Full proposal will require two or more principal investigators with at least one basic science or translational science co-leader and one population health science or clinical co-leader. Investigators

who currently do not have a collaborator are encouraged to still submit a LOI. NU-CHERS can help identify a collaborator for the full proposal.

**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](mailto:denisha.brown1@northwestern.edu) on or before July 16, 2021.
- Technical consultations will be held via Zoom and scheduled subsequent to LOI submission.
- Full Proposals will be due mid-August 2021. Full proposal guidelines will be provided after consultation.
- Award funding for successful applications may begin immediately.

**Translational Pilot Awards in Gynecologic Cancer Health Disparities  
Letter of Intent Form**

**Send completed LOI Form to [denisha.brown1@northwestern.edu](mailto:denisha.brown1@northwestern.edu)  
on or before Friday, July 16, 2021.**

Questions regarding NU-CHERS funding opportunities may be directed to  
NU-CHERS Project Manager, Denisha Brown, at [denisha.brown1@northwestern.edu](mailto:denisha.brown1@northwestern.edu).

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>Grant Program (select one):</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Career Enhancement Development Pilot Project Award <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental Research Project Award		
<b>Contact PI Name:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Contact PI Title:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Contact PI Department:</b>			
<b>Co-PI or Mentor Names (please indicate if requesting NU-CHERS to help identify collaborators):</b>			
<b>Proposed Project Title:</b>			

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