

ANNOUNCEMENT

Florida Department of Health Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program Competition for Cancer Research Grants

November 11, 2011

The Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program announces the opening of competitions and release of the Calls for Grant Applications for **New Investigator Research (NIR) Grants** and **Bridge Grants**.

In addition, there is currently an Open Call for Technology Transfer Feasibility (TTF) Grants and Technology Transfer/Commercialization Partnership (TTCP) Grants through March 16, 2012 or until funds are exhausted.

All researchers from Florida public and private colleges and universities, and established research institutions operating within Florida are eligible to apply. Applications will undergo scientific peer review and funding decisions will be based primarily upon those scientific merit scores.

Note, Team Science Program grants will not be offered at this time but may be offered in August 2012, based upon the availability of funds. A final decision will be made at the April 2012 Biomedical Research Advisory Council meeting.

Go to www.floridabiomed.com for more information.

Grant Types and Timelines

1. New Investigator Research (NIR) Grants

The intent of the NIR mechanism is to foster development of new investigators so they can undertake independent research that is competitive for national research funding. New investigators must have been full-time faculty for no more than six (6) years and must work under the mentorship of a senior investigator.

Maximum Award Amount: \$400,000

Award Period: 3 years

Competition Start: November 11, 2011

Competition End: January 20, 2012

Award Announcement: on or near June 1, 2012

Grant Start: July 1, 2012

2. Bridge Grants

The intent of the Bridge mechanism is to provide interim support for cancer investigator-initiated research projects that have been highly rated by national panels of peer reviewers in recent federal competitions but were not funded due to budgetary constraints. Allowable federal competitions include those conducted by the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, the National Science Foundation, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration.

Maximum Award Amount: \$200,000

Award Period: 1 year

The Program intends to conduct this competition in three rounds. Researchers are encouraged to apply at their earliest eligibility.

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Competition Start:	Nov 11, 2011	July 16, 2012	Oct 26, 2012
Competition End:	Jan 20, 2012	Aug 31, 2012	Dec 14, 2012
Awards Announced:	June 1, 2012	Nov 15, 2012	Mar 8, 2013
Grants Start:	July 1, 2012	Jan 1, 2013	Apr 1, 2013

What Happens Next?

- Review the Calls for Grant Applications at http://floridabiomed.com/bc_call. The Calls include application instructions; please review these as you are completing the application to ensure compliance with all application requirements.
- Register at www.floridabiomed.com/login.html to gain access to the GrantEase online application system. All applications must be submitted via GrantEase.
- The question and answer period for submitting programmatic questions is now open. The Calls for Grant Applications provide the question/answer process and timeframes. Please thoroughly review the Calls and the currently posted questions and answers (at http://floridabiomed.com/bc_ga.html) before submitting your programmatic question. Anytime you need technical assistance, contact Solix at (816) 347-9449.
- The same grant types are also being offered through the James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program for diseases related to tobacco use. For more information, go to http://www.floridabiomed.com/jek_call.
- If you know other people who would be interested in receiving information on this or other research opportunities through this Program, we encourage you to forward this email to them. They can click on the following link to subscribe to receive Program notices: [subscribe](#).

General Program Information

The Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program, established in section (s.) 381.922, *Florida Statutes (F.S.)*, seeks to advance progress toward cures for all types of cancer regardless of cause through grants awarded using a peer-reviewed competitive process.

The Bankhead-Coley Program has three long-term goals:

1. Significantly expand cancer research capacity in the State.
2. Improve both research and treatment through greater participation in clinical trials networks.

3. Reduce the impact of cancer on disparate groups.

The Program receives a portion of the revenues deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund from the cigarette user fee imposed by s. 210.02, *F.S.*

Cancer Relatedness

All applicants must clearly demonstrate how the proposed project is relevant to cancer. Biomedical and biotechnological research projects must address the etiology, pathogenesis, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and/or cure of cancer. Social scientific and behavioral proposals must address the development, implementation, and/or evaluation of existing or novel approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis, or treatment. Proposed projects that do not or cannot demonstrate a close relationship with advancing progress toward cures for cancer or endeavor to dramatically improve cancer morbidity or mortality will not be funded.

National Cancer Institute Designation

The James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program and the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program have received the National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation as a funding organization with approved peer review and funding systems. This designation means that institutions can include cancer-related Program awards (with the exception of Shared Instrument Grants) in the required research base for Cancer Center Support and the NCI Cancer Center designation. It also provides external validation of our grant awards process.

Technology Transfer Feasibility (TTF) Grants and Technology Transfer/Commercialization Partnership (TTCP) Grants

TTF Grants offer early stage funding in order to develop intellectual property and improve its commercial potential and competitiveness for later development activities, including company formation or partnering with private interests. The intent of the TTCP mechanism is to encourage the collaboration of investigators at eligible institutions with small business to stimulate technology transfer activities for promising research discoveries and strengthen a project's economic feasibility and commercialization prospects. TTCP applications must involve a partnership between an eligible institution and a small business in Florida.

The competition for TTF and TTCP grants is currently open at http://floridabiomed.com/bc_call.

Visit www.floridabiomed.com for complete details about the James & Esther King Biomedical Research and Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research programs.