



TEXAS A&M

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) Fiscal Year 2010 Funding Opportunities

<http://www.cprit.state.tx.us/funding.html>

Guidelines for Texas A&M Health Science Center Researchers

Limited Submission for High-Impact/High-Risk Research Awards (RFA R-10-H1)

http://www.cprit.state.tx.us/pdfs/rfa_r-10-h1.pdf

- Funding amount Maximum of \$200,000 (TDC and IDC) for two years.
- September 11 Internal letter of intent to HSC OVPR
- September 14 Internal proposal deadline
- September 25 Notification of approval to submit full application
- October 8, 3:00 PM Application due to CPRIT

LIMITED SUBMISSION PROGRAM: CPRIT has limited the number of proposals to two per institution for High-Impact/High-Risk Research program. If the number of faculty wishing to submit a proposal exceeds the number allowed, an internal selection process will be initiated.

BRIEF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The State of Texas Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) High-Impact/High-Risk Program is designed for relatively short-term high-impact/high-risk projects that are innovative, developmental or exploratory in nature targeting new avenues of cancer research. These projects, if successful, would contribute major new insights into the etiology, diagnosis, treatment or prevention of cancers. Because High-Impact/High-Risk Research Awards are designed to support new ideas, preliminary data are not required. Also, CPRIT intends to support innovative, developmental projects that focus on exceptionally promising topics that are not yet sufficiently mature to compete successfully for more conventional funding. Applicants must explain why more conventional sources of support are not available for the proposed research and how short-term funding will lead to strong proposals for additional support.

Applicants may address any research topic or issue related to cancer biology, causation, prevention, detection or screening, treatment or cure. Further, CPRIT encourages applications that seek to apply or develop state-of-the-art technologies, tools and/or resources for cancer research, including those with potential commercialization opportunities. Areas of interest include laboratory research, translational studies and/or clinical investigations.

In that cancers arise from a large number of derangements of basic molecular and cellular functions and in turn cause many alterations in basic biological processes, almost any aspect of biology may be relevant to cancer research, more or less directly. The degree of relevance to cancer research will be an important criterion for evaluation of projects for funding by CPRIT.

For example, are alterations in the process in question primarily responsible for oncogenesis or secondary manifestations of malignant transformation? Will understanding the process or interfering with it offer selective and useful insight into prevention, diagnosis or treatment of cancer?

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS COSTS: Grant funds may be used to pay for salary and benefits, research supplies, equipment and clinical costs. Conversely, requests for funds for travel to scientific meetings are not appropriate for this funding mechanism, nor are requests for funds to support construction and/or renovation. Equipment having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit must be specifically approved by CPRIT.

COST SHARING: None required.

MATCHING FUNDS: Texas law requires the cancer research grant recipient to demonstrate that it has an amount of funds equal to one-half of the grant dedicated to the research that is the subject of the grant. CPRIT has proposed an administrative rule regarding how a grant recipient may fulfill this requirement. The proposed rule is available at www.cprit.state.tx.us.

Further information about how the requirement for matching funds at the HSC will be forthcoming.

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS

September 11, 2009: Letter of intent due via email to research@tamhsc.edu . LOI must include:

- a) names and departments of the PI and other key personnel
- b) title of proposal
- c) brief description of the project (3-4 sentences)

September 14, 2009: Internal proposal due. The internal proposal should include:

- a) names and departments of the PI and other key personnel
- b) title of proposal
- c) executive summary (up to three pages)
- d) summary budget including source of matching funds
- e) signatures indicating approval by department head and dean

The form for completing the internal proposal is [here](#).

The completed form should be submitted electronically to research@tamhsc.edu for review by the internal selection committee.

September 25, 2009: Latest date the Internal Selection Committee will notify PIs of the result of the internal competition.

October 8, 2009: CPRIT deadline 3 p.m.