**REQUEST FOR NEUROENDOCRINE CANCER  
PILOT AND FEASIBILITY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Background**

A Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) in Neuroendocrine Cancer (NE SPORE) is under further development at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). An initial P50 application was submitted in September 2019 and is pending review. There is need to engage additional investigators and projects that have potential to strengthen an anticipated revised application. Therefore, an AMC21 Multi-Investigator Grant was awarded to continue the development efforts for this important grant and has resulted in this pilot program.

**Purpose**

The pilot and feasibility program is intended to provide seed support for new and innovative research projects directed at basic, biomedical, translational, and clinical research questions that broadly pertain to neuroendocrine cancer. Pilot projects should be designed to generate sufficient data as the basis for further extramural funding in order to substantially pursue and expand the line of investigation.

**Requirements**

1. Principal investigators must have faculty status at UAB.
2. Junior investigators are encouraged to engage senior investigators on their research team.
3. Projects must represent a new scope of work without prior or existing grant support.
4. Budgets of up to $15,000 direct costs for one year may be requested. PI salary support is not allowed. Indirect costs should not be included. No equipment purchases >$5K are allowed.
5. Recipients are required to participate in monthly NE SPORE investigator meetings.
6. Quarterly progress presentations will be required at NE SPORE investigator meetings.

**Important Dates**

Release of RFA: December 15, 2019

Application Deadline: January 22, 2020

Earliest Award Date March 1, 2020

Final Report Due March 15, 2021

**Application**

Please complete and submit the attached application as one PDF to Kristi Herritz via email at [kherritz@uabmc.edu](mailto:kherritz@uabmc.edu%20?subject=NE%20SPORE%20Application) **by 5 p.m. CST on January 22, 2020.**

**UAB NEUROENDOCRINE CANCER PILOT AND FEASIBILITY GRANT APPLICATION**

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| **Principal Investigator:** |  |
| **Academic Title:** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  |
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| **Project Title:** |  |
| **Total Budget Requested:** |  |

**Other Key Personnel**

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| **Name and Degree** | **Role on Project** | **Academic Title** |
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**Additional Requirements:**

1. Biosketches – attach an NIH biosketch for the Principal Investigators and Other Key Personnel
2. Project Budget – use the attached budget template
3. Research Plan – include a 3 page research plan (11pt, Arial font, single space, 1/2” margins) structured as follows:

* Background and Specific Aims (1 page)
* Brief Description of Methods/Approach (1-2 page)
* Plan for Conversion to Extramural Funding (2-4 sentences)

**BUDGET**

**Personnel**

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**Other Expenses**

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| **TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST:** |  |

**Budget Justification** (for any unusual budget items that are not self explanatory):