



SDSU/UCSD Cancer Center Comprehensive Partnership

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN RENEWAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2020-2023

The SDSU/UCSD Cancer Center Comprehensive Partnership is soliciting applications for projects to be included in the renewal submission for the 2020-23 grant cycle. Projects that align strongly with the goal of the Partnership will be considered for funding. **The proposals are due on March 25, 2019** (details below).

The goal of the SDSU/UCSD Cancer Center Comprehensive Partnership is to reduce the burden of cancer among Hispanic/Latino communities in our catchment area (San Diego County) by developing outstanding programs in research, research education, and community outreach to understand and address causes for cancer health disparities in San Diego County, a region with a large and growing Hispanic/Latino population.

All types of projects will be considered, from smaller pilot projects of up to **\$120,000** in Direct Costs per year over two years, to larger projects of up to **\$275,000** in Direct Costs per year over three years. The amounts indicate the total dollar amount available/year for both SDSU and UCSD budgets and will be distributed according to work that will be performed. The study must have a cancer focus and may be in any research discipline - basic, clinical, prevention, and/or all areas of population science (epidemiology, behavioral science, etc.). Research may focus on populations and/or include partners in San Diego and/or Imperial Counties.

AWARD INFORMATION

Selected research proposals will be submitted to NCI as components of the Partnership renewal application, due in late 2019 (please see timeline below). Pending the Partnership grant renewal, funds for new projects will be disbursed annually. Total budget refers to budget for both institutions involved in the proposed project for the 24- or 36- month duration of the project. Institutional indirect costs are allowed. Human subjects research must have obtained IRB approval prior to distribution of funds. Similarly, animal research must have institutional approval prior to distributions of funds. Awardees will be required to submit 6-month interim reports, one-year progress reports, a final report, and to prepare and deliver short presentations for all required internal/external committee meeting/s (please contact Bilge Pakiz at bpakiz@ucsd.edu or Jill Nery at jnery@sdsu.edu for meeting information). Project progress will be reviewed after one year by Partnership Internal and External Advisory Committees, as well as by the Executive Committee. Continuation funding is contingent on demonstrated progress. All funds must be spent by the end of each fiscal year. Requests for carry over funds will not be accepted.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A completed Partnership Application Package (attached) must be submitted on/before due date.

Research projects may be in any area of basic, clinical, translational, or population science research (i.e., epidemiology, behavioral science, etc.), and must meet criteria below.

1. Includes one Co-Leader from SDSU and one Co-Leader from UCSD. Co-Leaders must be faculty members (Assistant Professor and higher) who are eligible to apply for NIH research grants as PI. In case of ambiguity, eligibility will be determined by the Partnership's Executive Committee. For assistance, please contact Bilge Pakiz at bpakiz@ucsd.edu or Jill Nery at jnery@sdsu.edu.

Previous applicants and previously funded projects are encouraged to apply.

2. Advances the body of knowledge in cancer research and/or cancer disparities among underserved populations in San Diego and/or Imperial Counties, particularly Hispanics, and/or contributes to training of under-represented minority (URM) students and Early Stage Investigators (ESI) in cancer research.

3. In addition to high scientific merit and consistency with the goals of the Partnership, the project should reflect a true inter-institutional collaboration, where the strengths and synergies between the collaborating institutions and investigators are clearly highlighted.
4. Proposals involving prevention, population or clinical research are encouraged to include community partners. Proposals should describe any effort to develop or expand collaborations with community partners (including but not limited to community health centers, community-based agencies or organizations, county and local government or services, and advocacy groups). The Partnership's Outreach Core has resources and information regarding opportunities to explore community collaboration opportunities. Please contact Jill Nery at jnery@sdsu.edu.
5. Project duration may be up to 36 months. Direct costs cannot exceed \$275,000 (or \$120,000K for pilots) per year, and will be divided between SDSU and UCSD according to the work performed.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Fill out and submit the Partnership Application, which includes a 3-page write-up, containing components below:

- Background and Significance
- Hypothesis and Specific Aims
- Methods (please provide details on work done at UCSD and those that will be done at SDSU)

Submit Detailed Budget and Budget Justification separately for each Institution.

Submit Biographical Sketches of Key Personnel

IMPORTANT DATES / TIMELINE

1. **March 25, 2019:** Proposals are due. Please submit the completed application to bpakiz@ucsd.edu (you will receive a confirmatory email reply; please retain this as evidence of submission. If you do not receive this email please call one of the project managers listed below).
2. **June 1, 2019:** Selection decisions and short written feedback provided to Co-Leaders of all applications. Selected proposals may be provided with specific suggestions or requirements prior to submitting the renewal application to NCI.
3. **September 1, 2020:** Anticipated earliest start date coinciding with Partnership renewal.
4. **Proposed project dates (pending 2020 renewal funding for the Partnership grant):** 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2023

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Fulfillment of the requirements and eligibility criteria noted above.
2. Relevance of the proposed project to cancer disparities and/or contribute to training of under-represented minority (URM) students and Early Stage Investigators (ESI).
3. Scientific merit.
4. Strength of the methods proposed to develop successful inter-institutional research collaboration.
5. Potential of the project to demonstrate significant progress, including preliminary results within the 24- or 36-month proposed time frame.
6. Potential of the project to develop into a competitive proposal to NIH or other funding agency in 2 years or less after completion.
7. Potential to generate publishable data for peer reviewed publications.

CONTACT:

Please direct questions to: Bilge Pakiz, EdD, UC San Diego Project Manager at bpakiz@ucsd.edu or Jill Nery, MPH, SDSU Project Manager at jnery@sdsu.edu.