

Dear Members of the Comparative Cancer Biology Program,

Through the generous support of the Sandra Atlas Bass Endowment for Cancer Research, the Comparative Cancer Biology Program is now accepting applications for funding of **research equipment and core resources**. These grants are intended to support cancer research activities at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Of particular interest are equipment items, reagents (eg. shRNA or CRISPR libraries), or other shareable resources (eg. software packages) that will benefit multiple investigators in the Comparative Cancer Biology Program and that will strengthen applications for extramural grant applications. Requests in any amount up to \$50,000 will be considered.

The Comparative Cancer Biology Program is willing to consider requests in which funding is combined with other Cornell-supported funding opportunities for the acquisition of higher priced items. One example is the Center for Vertebrate Genomics, which is also having a funding competition this Fall. For such combined funding requests, please contact Bob Weiss in advance of the application deadline so that a joint review can be conducted and shared costs can be negotiated in the event of a successfully-reviewed application.

**Applications are due by November 2, 2015.**

#### Application Procedure

##### ***Eligibility***

- The PI for the proposal must be an active faculty member of the Comparative Cancer Biology Program, and the awarded funds must be administered in the PI's department.

##### ***Evaluation Criteria***

Applications will reviewed by a scientific committee and the program director. Selections will be made based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to cancer research
- Potential impact on the cancer research community at the College of Veterinary Medicine
- Collaborative/interdisciplinary elements of the project, particularly those involving basic and clinical scientists
- Overall quality of proposal and plans for use of the requested instrument/resource
- Need of the investigator(s)

## ***Application Package***

- Cover page which should include:
  - Project title
  - PI name
  - Co-PI/collaborator names, if applicable
  - Total Requested Budget
- Project Summary (limited to 4 pages) which should include:
  - Cover letter or introductory paragraph summarizing the motivations and circumstances behind the request
  - A detailed description of the equipment/resource
  - A brief management plan that should address accessibility of the equipment/resource, technical expertise required, and a financial strategy if future costs (eg. service contract, etc) are anticipated.
  - A list of the investigators and research projects that would make use of the equipment/resource
  - The anticipated benefit of the equipment/resource to the cancer research community at the College and its potential impact on external proposals
  - If the request for funds represents partial support of an equipment purchase, please note what other sources of funds would be available to complete the purchase.
- Proposed Detailed Budget and Budget Justification
- Supplemental Material which may include:
  - Letters of support from collaborators
  - PI Biosketches (NIH format)
  - Price quotation from supplier

Please follow standard NIH formatting (0.5" margins; single spacing; 11pt Arial font) and submit your application as a PDF file via email to Elena Cestero at <ec443@cornell.edu>.