



Prostate
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Request for Research Proposals

Creativity Awards

The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) is pleased to announce a funding mechanism for supporting transformational prostate cancer research through development of creative research ideas with high potential and no current funding. We seek applications from individuals proposing high-risk/high-reward concepts that if successful could provide the basis for dramatically reducing death and suffering from prostate cancer. Creativity awards are intended to bridge the gap between an idea and the results necessary to justify longer term and more significant funding. These awards will cover direct research costs only, will be one year in duration, and will range from \$50,000 – \$150,000. The PCF is actively raising precious funds for these awards and does not anticipate funding more than 25 this year.

High priority for funding will be given to exceptional proposals that bring NEW research methods and techniques in life, physical, or computational sciences to solving the prostate cancer problem that have not previously been directed against prostate cancer. Applicants who have not historically worked in prostate cancer, but are proposing creative hypotheses and research plans for our field are highly encouraged to apply. Originality and novelty will be rewarded in the peer review process. Potentially high impact basic science programs will be considered with high priority given to exceptional proposals that have the potential to be translated towards clinical investigations or provide “proof of principle.”

Application Guidelines

1. **Eligibility:** Investigators representing non-profit academic research centers worldwide are eligible to apply. Investigators from for-profit companies and government-sponsored institutions, i.e. NIH, are ineligible.
2. **Coversheet:** To be completed online when submitting your proposal at (www.pcfscience.org) and should be completed by the Principal Investigator.
3. **Research Proposal:** Preliminary data is helpful but not required. The proposal should be no longer than five pages including any preliminary data and the narrative text describing the research. The five page limit applies only to the proposal and not to the list of references, budget, biosketches, and other components described below.

4. **One page statement of originality:** This statement will define the scientific uniqueness of this proposal. We seek new and never-before tested ideas and not derivatives of ongoing investigations. Recycled ideas will be rejected. This one page is in addition to the research proposal and will not count against the 5 page limit.
5. **Budget:** Include an annual budget for the proposal. PCF will only cover direct costs. The budget can be prepared using NIH Budget forms like PHS 398, however, use of these forms is not mandatory.
6. **CV and supportive publications:** Submit a 4-page NIH Biosketch for each investigator. Include a list of relevant publications.
7. **Format:** 3 – 6 above should be compiled and submitted as a single pdf file.

Submit proposal online to: <http://www.pcfscience.org>

Please direct questions to applications@prostatecancerfoundation.org

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**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
11:59PM PACIFIC STANDARD TIME, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2008**

IN FAIRNESS TO ALL THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE

**Funding decisions will be made through peer review by January 1, 2009
The PCF does not anticipate funding more than 25 Creativity Awards this year.**

These awards have a tentative start date of February 1, 2009.