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To: All UWCCC members and all UW Faculty (including non-members of the UWCCC) interested in Cancer Immunology and Tumor Immunotherapy

From: Douglas McNeel MD PhD, Jacques Galipeau MD and Paul Sondel MD PhD, for the UWCCC Immunology - Immunotherapy Working Group

Re: Announcement of a **New UWCCC Targeted Pilot Program Request For Proposals (RFP):**

The UWCCC Interdisciplinary Cancer Immunology-Immunotherapy Pilot Project Competition

Based on a recent generous gift to the UWCCC from Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Borden, we are most pleased to announce this Request For Proposals (RFP) for the first UWCCC Interdisciplinary Cancer Immunology-Immunotherapy Pilot Project Competition. Professor Borden, a former UWCCC Leader of Immunotherapy (1978-90), has been a worldwide leader in Cancer Immunology and in the translational development of Interferons. In keeping with the recent UWCCC Strategic Plan, Ernie and Louise Borden are eager to be helping the UWCCC enhance initiatives in translational immunotherapies. With additional funding support from Howard Bailey, UWCCC director, these awards will support new and novel pilot grants to encourage and support transdisciplinary cancer immunology/immunotherapy, which are built upon a research plan based upon a convergence of scientific disciplines and methodologies (Sharp P, AAAS Presidential Address, 2014. <http://science.sciencemag.org/content/sci/346/6216/1468.full.pdf?sid=c625dbb7-23ab-4606-a037>)

Specific Grant Plans: This funding mechanism will support 3 new 1-year grants, each to be \$50,000. The purpose of each grant is to enable 2 (or 3) separate UW labs, where the PI of at least one is a UWCCC member, representing different scientific or clinical disciplines, to take a new, unfunded, potentially transformative idea involving two different disciplines or technologies and thus requiring collaborative/complementary input from two Co-PIs. It will then be internally peer-reviewed to select awardees. **Year 1 awardees will have opportunity for a competitive renewal for a 2nd year.**

Grant Eligibility and Submission Details:

- A. **Eligibility:** Each pilot grant requires 2 UW faculty Co-PIs, with at least one a member of the UWCCC. These 2 should be faculty that reflect transdisciplinary backgrounds/interests. Non UWCCC members can be a co-PI with a UWCCC member. Industry collaborators are also welcome, but their role will be unfunded.
- B. **Grant Format:** Each application will include a RESEARCH PLAN (**≤3 pages**), followed by other items, as follows:
 - a. **RESEARCH PLAN (maximum of 3 pages) to include sections labelled as follows:**
 - i. Brief Abstract
 - ii. Aims
 - iii. Brief clarification of the transdisciplinary nature of the research
 - iv. Research plan (background, preliminary data, experimental plan, measurable goals, tables-figures)
 - v. Plans for project growth/future external funding
 - vi. Vision of realistic path to future clinical testing
 - b. **Brief budget** (1 page max)
 - c. **References** (1 page max)
 - d. **NIH Biosketches of the Co-PIs**
- C. **Budget:** The one year **\$50,000** direct budget cannot be used to support faculty salaries, but can be used for supplies/personnel/other research costs. One possibility is for the funds to be used to support a student/fellow that is working collaboratively and in a transdisciplinary way with effort in the labs of both Co-PIs.
- D. In order to provide sufficient time for interested faculty to pursue/submit new collaborations/projects, we are providing >2 full months for the planning/preparation of these. Thus the due date is **May 14th 2018**.
- E. All recipients of these pilot funds will be invited to present a brief presentation regarding progress and plans for a **competitive renewal \$50,000** award in year 2, approximately 9-11 months into the first year of funding (likely at our UWCCC Cancer Immunology/Tumor Immunotherapy quarterly mini-retreat).
- F. The review committee will include investigators with basic and translational experience. Innovation, rationale, any relevant data, and potential for eventual translation into clinical trials will be criteria for awards.

- G. Please apply through this website (<https://uwccc-pilotprogram.smapply.org/>). Click the Log In link in the top right and use your NETID to login. Then, click the Programs link at the top of the screen and find the Interdisciplinary Cancer Immunology-Immunotherapy Pilot Projects program. If you have problems using the website, please contact UWCCC Preaward at uwcccpreaward@uwcarbone.wisc.edu

We look forward to seeing our campus's best ideas for interdisciplinary/translatable cancer immunotherapy!