

Route 66 Endometrial Cancer SPORE: Developmental Research Program

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Developmental Research Program within the Route 66 Endometrial Cancer SPORE seeks applications developing bold new ideas in endometrial cancer research. Projects at the pilot stage investigating new treatment or prevention strategies and/or obtaining preliminary data are encouraged to apply.

Award Details:

- Award amount up to \$75,000/year in direct costs for one year.
- Project period: November 15, 2023 – October 31, 2024
- Award may be renewed for another year contingent on adequate progress and availability of funds.
- The number of awards and the award amount may increase or decrease depending on funding available. Amount requested should reflect what is needed to achieve study objectives, not to maximize amount awarded.

Eligibility:

- Independent faculty members (Instructor level or higher at the time of award) from any of the three partner institutions: Washington University, University of New Mexico, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.
- Applications from women, faculty of color, and disabled investigators are specifically encouraged.

FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS

- Use Arial 11 font; minimum 0.5 inch for all margins for all pages. Figures, Graphs, Diagrams, Charts, Tables, Figure Legends, and Footnotes: You may use a smaller type size, but it must be readily legible.
- Include the Principal Investigator's name at the top of each page and consecutively number all pages in the application at the bottom of each page.

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Please including the following:

- **DRP Application Cover Page**
 - Applicant name, affiliation, contact information, project title, project period dates
- **NIH-style Biosketch**
- **Research Plan** (limited to 5 pages)
 - Specific aims
 - Significance to endometrial cancer research
 - Innovation
 - Approach
 - Plans for subsequent external funding
- **Budget**

Please use PHS 398 Form Page 4. The form can be found at:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>

NIH salary cap applies. This award does not support equipment purchases with unit value of \$5,000 or more. Allowable expenses:

 - Investigator's salary and fringe benefits
 - Research personal salary support, laboratory supplies, and core service fees
 - Travel to one national scientific conference

- **Budget Justification** – describing the use of the funds
- **Appendix**
 - References/Literature cited
 - Pertinent recent publications (maximum 3)
 - Regulatory Approvals: project specific but will likely consist of IRB approval for human subjects research, IACUC approval for animal research, etc.
 - Letters of support: as needed
 - Authentication of key biological and/or chemical resources

SUBMISSION

Electronic copy of the proposal must be submitted via email as a single .pdf document and sent to Linda Odibo, RN, MN, SPORE Administrator (odibol@wustl.edu) by **October 27, 2023, by 5pm CST**.

REVIEW PROCESS

Awardees will be determined based on application reviews by the Selection Committee. Applicants will be notified of their application status following the Selection Committee review.

Please direct any questions:

Linda Odibo, RN, MN: odibol@wustl.edu

Scientific Leadership:

Kimberly Leslie, MD; CEP Director – University of New Mexico

Dineo Khabele, MD; CEP Co-Director – Washington University

Kathleen Moore, MD; CEP Co-Director – University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

TERMS OF AWARD

All DRP awardees will be expected to:

- Provide a written annual progress report.
- Present to the SPORE Internal and External Advisory Boards.
- Consistently attend SPORE and Endometrial Cancer Working Group meetings.
- Make at least one presentation per year at a SPORE or Siteman Cancer Center research meeting.
- Fully develop at least one extramural grant application (any level).
- Submit an extramural research grant in endometrial cancer at the end of DRP funding.