Washington University SPORE in Pancreatic Cancer
2024 Request for Applications

Career Enhancement Awards
Application Deadline: June 1st, 2024
Award Dates: Aug 1, 2024-Jun 30, 2025
$75,000-$100,000 per year for up to two years

CAREER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
Eligibility: Junior faculty (Instructor or Assistant Professor) without R01 or equivalent grant are eligible. In addition, senior post-doctoral fellows (PhD, MD, or MD-PhD) who have a written commitment from their department chair indicating promotion to Instructor or Assistant Professor by the time of the award.

Purpose: The goal is to recruit and support new independent investigators in the field of translational pancreatic cancer research. Research initiatives funded by the CEP are expected to have a major translational component, focusing on pancreatic cancer etiology, diagnosis, early detection, treatment, or population science.

Effort Requirement: New investigators will be expected to be able devote at least 50% of their scientific focus on pancreatic cancer research. Aka we want to grow the next generation of pancreas cancer researchers.

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Developmental Research Awards
Application Deadline: June 1st, 2024
Award Dates: Aug 1, 2024-Jun 30, 2025
$75,000-$100,000 for one year

DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM
Eligibility: All faculty members (instructor level or higher) or senior post-doctoral fellows who will be promoted to faculty by 08/1/2024. Preference will be given to junior faculty or established investigators with a new translational pancreatic cancer research focus.

Purpose: To support new research projects in pancreas cancer. The allocated funds will support highly-focused projects intended to collect preliminary data sufficient to support an application for peer-reviewed research grants or future incorporation as full Pancreatic SPORE projects.

Applications are open to investigators affiliated with Washington University or Medical University of South Carolina. Completed applications must be submitted by: June 1st, 2024. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Application Instructions:
Applications must include 1) investigator NIH biosketch(s), including other support pages 2) a Specific Aims page in NIH format 3) up to 1-2 pages of background, preliminary data and approach 4) plus if desired, a separate page for figures/legend and 5) short description of plans for future funding (DRP/CEP) or career plan (CEP) if successful. No budget is requested. Submit applications to Christina Kasting (c.pritchard@wustl.edu) by the deadline.

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(Don’t hesitate to reach out if you have questions or want to discuss)