



MSKCC SPORE in Soft Tissue Sarcoma 2019-2020 Career Enhancement Program (CEP) Call for Applications

PURPOSE:

This program is intended to prepare physicians and scientists at the junior faculty level for independent careers in sarcoma translational research.

FUNDING:

Each year, one application will be funded. The maximum award will be \$75,000 in direct costs for one year; a second year of support will be considered pending competitive peer review.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY:

Junior faculty members (assistant members/ professors) at MSKCC, Rockefeller University, Weill Cornell Medical College, or the New York Genome Center who have a career interest in translational sarcoma research are invited to submit research proposals. The applicant must agree to participate in all relevant conferences and activities related to the MSKCC SPORE in Soft Tissue Sarcoma for the duration of support. Applications from women and minority group members are especially encouraged.

PROPOSALS:

Proposals cannot be currently funded by an extramural agency or foundation. The application consists of:

- 1) Face page (project title and applicant's name, staff rank, and department)
- 2) Research statement of no more than 3 pages (NIH format; 11-point text, 0.5-in margins)
- 3) Biosketch of investigator(s) and outside collaborator(s), in NIH format, including existing and pending support
- 4) Letter of support from primary mentor (this must include a commitment to protecting at least 50% of the candidate's time for research)
- 5) An educational and mentoring plan (1 page), including formal training and a detailed plan for interactions with and assessment by the mentor
- 6) Estimated budget (detailed budget and budget justification will be requested after initial review by the selection committee)

Proposals must be submitted to Jessica Moore (moorej@mskcc.org) by January 2, 2020. Please submit proposals as a single PDF.

REVIEW CRITERIA:

All proposals will be reviewed by the career enhancement selection committee of the SPORE in Soft Tissue Sarcoma according to the following criteria:

- 1) Prior training and potential for a career in translational sarcoma research (25%)
- 2) Research plan (50%)—following standard NIH 9-point scoring to evaluate impact and significance, quality of research and relevance to sarcoma, innovation, and approach. Any applications without a clear translational component (clinical trial, population study, or clinical material) will not be considered.
- 3) Educational and mentoring plan (25%), including the mentor's historical success with career development

IRB approval (or waiver) will be required before funding if the study involves human subjects, and/or IACUC approval for use of vertebrate animals.

ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION: Up to \$75K direct costs for one year; may be renewable for an additional year based on review.

Allowed expenses: Research supplies, animal maintenance, technical assistance, publication costs, stipends for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Disallowed: salary support for laboratory heads (if applicant is a member of a large lab), salary support for administrative personnel, office equipment and supplies, laboratory equipment, computers, travel.

Any questions regarding this solicitation should be directed to the SPORE in Soft Tissue Sarcoma administrator, Jessica Moore (moorej@mskcc.org), or to the CEP directors, Meera Hameed (hameedm@mskcc.org) and Hedvig Hricak (hricakh@mskcc.org).

KEY DATES:

- Applications due **Jan. 2, 2020**
- Award announcements by Jan. 24, 2020
- Award start: Feb. 7, 2019