



MSKCC SPORE in Soft Tissue Sarcoma 2019-2020 Developmental Research Program (DRP) Call for Applications

PURPOSE:

This program is intended to support innovative translational sarcoma research projects in their formative stages and to recruit new and established investigators to sarcoma research. The DRP supports both pilot projects that explore innovative ideas and early-stage clinical trials in sarcoma. Our areas of interest span all aspects of the biology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, progression and treatment of soft tissue sarcoma, with particular priority given to projects with translational potential to advance sarcoma treatment.

FUNDING:

Two or three applications will be funded. The maximum award will be \$100,000 per year for up to two years, with funding for the second year contingent on documented significant progress during the first year of funding. No indirect costs are supported.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY:

Investigators at MSKCC, Rockefeller University, Weill Cornell Medical College, or the New York Genome Center are eligible. Applicants must be appointed as a faculty member at any academic level (assistant, associate, or full member or professor), possess an MD or a PhD degree in a relevant scientific field, and demonstrate a firm commitment to an academic career in translational research related to sarcoma. 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 (title, name of applicant, and names of key collaborators)
- 2) Abstract (250 words)
- 3) Research proposal of no more than 3 pages (NIH format; 11-point text, 0.5-in margins)
- 4) Biosketch (\leq 5 pages)
- 5) Letter of support from the department chairperson or laboratory head
- 6) Budget and justification

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 internal advisory and executive committees of the SPORE in Soft Tissue Sarcoma according to the following criteria:

- scientific merit, including innovation, creativity, and general scientific quality
- sarcoma relevance
- translational potential

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 \$100K 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 DRP directors, Samuel Singer (singers@mskcc.org) and Marc Ladanyi (ladanyim@mskcc.org).

KEY DATES:

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