



Funding Opportunity Announcement for new Pilot and Pre-Pilot Research Projects University of Guam/University of Hawai'i Cancer Center Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity (PIPCHHE/U54)

The U54 Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity (PIPCHHE) announces funding available for new pilot and/or pre-pilot research projects designed to address significant cancer health disparities among Pacific Islanders in Guam, Hawai'i, and the U.S. Associated Pacific Island jurisdictions. Cancer research expertise and experience of UHCC faculty is to be paired with UOG faculty on joint research projects that address cancer related issues, priorities and opportunities unique to the region. The Partnership supports research across the cancer research continuum; this competition is open to all disciplines from biology to health and social sciences.

Funding Available: Up to \$120,000/year for up to 3 years in combined (UOG+UHCC) direct costs for pilot cancer research projects and up to \$60,000 for 12 months in combined (UOG+UHCC) direct costs for pre-pilot cancer research projects is available beginning fall 2022. Continued funding is dependent upon project need, demonstrated progress, and the availability of funds.

Requirements: Because PIPCHHE supports research collaboration and mentorship while leveraging resources at the partnering institutions, research proposals *require* co-leader representation from both the UOG and UHCC. Collaborating investigators must be full-time faculty at UOG and Cancer Center members at UH. Joint research projects conducted primarily at the UOG may be in any area of cancer research (e.g. basic, clinical, translational, prevention, control, behavioral, and/or population research), whereas joint research projects primarily conducted at UHCC **must** specifically address cancer health disparities in Pacific Islanders.

Applications: Written concept proposals (3-pages maximum) are due by **Monday, May 2, 2022 (Hawai'i Time) / Tuesday, May 3, 2022 (Guam Time)**. Collaborating investigators should use the attached application form to address the following components: Background/Problem, Hypothesis, Specific Aims, and a brief description of Methodology. Collaborating investigators responding to this funding announcement should jointly submit concept proposals by the May 2 (HI)/ May 3 (GU), 2022 deadline to: U54@cc.hawaii.edu and guamcrc@triton.uog.edu.

Review Criteria and Process: Concepts must align with the aims of the U54 parent grant and have the potential to develop into a competitive pilot/full project or R-type research project. Preference will be given to applicants with concepts that address an important research problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field of cancer or cancer health disparities unique to Guam, Hawai'i, and/or the USAPI. All research concepts will be reviewed by members of the Partnership's Internal Advisory Committee (IAC); collaborating co-leaders of the most promising concepts will be invited to submit fully developed proposals for IAC review. Earliest anticipated start date is September 2022.

Informational Webinar: U54 leadership will be available on **Thursday, March 10 at 4:30 PM (HI) / Friday, March 11 at 12:30 PM (GU)** to provide an overview of this funding opportunity, advise concepts, and respond to questions; interested applicants are *strongly encouraged* to attend. Connection details are provided below. For more about PIPCHHE's aims, projects and other information, please see the program's websites at www.guamcrc.org and www.uhcancercenter.org/u54 and Facebook page, Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity.

U54 Informational Webinar

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Join Zoom Meeting: <https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/97121458601>

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