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## Funding Opportunity Announcement for new Full Research Projects University of Guam/University of Hawai'i Cancer Center Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity (PIPCHÉ/U54)

The Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity (PIPCHÉ/U54) announces funding available for new 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 three years of funding at \$275,000 per year in combined (UOG+UHCC) direct costs is available beginning spring 2021 for one full (R01-type) cancer research project.

**Requirements:** Because PIPCHÉ 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, 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 on **Tuesday, December 1, 2020 (HI Time) / Wednesday, December 2, 2020 (GU Time)**. Collaborating investigators are advised to use the attached application form to address the following components: Background/Problem, Hypothesis, Specific Aims, and a brief description of Methodology. Submit concepts by the December 1 (HI) / December 2 (GU) deadline to: [U54@cc.hawaii.edu](mailto:U54@cc.hawaii.edu) and [guamcrc@triton.uog.edu](mailto: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 competing/fundable 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 April 2021.

**Informational Webinar:** U54 Principal Investigators will be available on **Thursday, November 12 at 3:00 PM (HI) / Friday, November 13 at 11:00 AM (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 PIPCHÉ's aims, projects and other information, please see the program's websites at [www.guamcrc.org](http://www.guamcrc.org) and [www.uhcancercenter.org/u54](http://www.uhcancercenter.org/u54).

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<https://zoom.us/j/98370941186>  
Meeting ID: 983 7094 1186

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