Tina L. Bachas Oncology Nursing Research Award

Submission & Budget Guidelines

Massey Cancer Center is pleased to announce the annual Tina L. Bachas Oncology Nursing Research Awards to advance oncology-nursing research. Tina served as Massey's first director of oncology nursing and she and her husband have committed their support in honor of Dr. Walter Lawrence, Jr. who Tina worked with throughout her tenure at Massey.

The intent of this award is to support nurses in oncology research endeavors, including both full scale nursing led research and evidence based research projects in Massey Cancer Center.

The program offers 2 types of awards. Applicants should clarify which award type they are applying for at the time of the application.

1. Evidence Based Grant Registered Nurses – Project funding up to $5,000

   Eligibility Criteria
   
   a. Proposed PI should be a registered nurse with current license and hold a master's or doctoral degree or be enrolled in a doctoral program.
   b. This award is geared towards nurse managers and clinical nurses to conduct projects that lead to improvements in standard of care for cancer patients.

2. General Cancer Focused Grant - Project funding up to $20,000

   Eligibility Criteria
   
   a. Proposed PI should be a registered nurse with current license and hold a PhD or DNSc degree.
   b. The project will be suitable to lay groundwork needed for a competitive grant application to external peer reviewed funding organizations, such as the NIH.

Project Criteria

- Projects should be cancer focused.
- Ranking will be by peer review and projects will be scored based on the NIH review criteria of significance, investigator(s), innovation, approach and environment.
- For the General Cancer Focused Grant, funding preference will be given to projects that include concrete plans to apply for extramural funding to NIH or similar major funding organizations.
- Projects will be awarded for one year. Extension beyond the allotted time will require prior approval.
Budgetary Criteria

Allowable expenses include the following:

- Research/laboratory supplies
- Shared Resource expenses
- Technical or laboratory staff salaries (including fringe benefits)
- Stipends (including fringe benefits where applicable)
- Animal costs
- Patient care costs and stipends
- Research related contractual agreements
- Software (prior approval required)

Non-Allowable expenses include the following:

- Faculty salaries
- Equipment (including computers)
- Equipment maintenance and service contracts
- Secretarial/administrative salaries
- Graduate and undergraduate student tuition and student fees
- Textbooks/coursebooks and periodicals
- Subscriptions to periodicals
- Membership dues
- Rental of office or laboratory space
- Recruiting and relocation expenses
- Construction, renovation, or maintenance of buildings/laboratories
- Food costs associated with meetings or conferences held by investigative team
- Travel

Submission Guidelines

All interested investigators should submit a PDF application package to mccsubmission@vcu.edu following the format below:

1. Title and Lay language description of the proposed project. In the event of funding, this statement will be provided to donors to demonstrate the use of funds.

2. If the project was previously submitted but was not awarded, provide a one page overview of how it has been revised to address the reviewers’ critique.

3. Budget (use PHS 398 Form Page 4)-submit a 12-month budget and brief justification. The total budget should not exceed the maximum limit. Smaller budgets are also acceptable.

4. Research Plan (not to exceed 5 pages, excluding references)- Describe the scientific basis and specific aims of the research project. Discuss the methodology and
approach and describe how it encourages new thinking and creativity. To the extent possible, describe specific plans for applying for and obtaining extramural support as a result of this project.

5. Biographical Sketch (use PHS 398 suggested format)-submit biosketches for all project investigators.

6. Other Support (use PHS 398 format example)-document other support for each project investigator, including a statement of the specific aims for all funded projects.

*PHS forms and samples are found at [http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html](http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html).

**Award**

- The earliest start date for Projects will be **October 1, 2018** Projects will be awarded for a one year period.
- Awardees are expected to seek prior approval for any changes in the budget.
- Any extension requests will require prior approval from the cancer center.
- Awardees should provide proof of IRB and/or IACUC approvals before undertaking research involving human subjects and/or animals.
- The awardees will provide a progress report 30 days after the end of the project.
- Awardees agree to provide periodic updates for up to 5-years after termination of the project regarding publications and extramural grant applications that resulted from work supported by these funds.

**Submission Deadline**

The deadline for submitting a completed application is **September 4, 2018**!

Please email a complete copy of your full application to [mccsubmission@vcu.edu](mailto:mccsubmission@vcu.edu) with “Tina L. Bachas Oncology Nursing Research Award” in the subject line.

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