Research Funding Opportunity: Call for Concept Proposals
Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity (PIPCHE/U54)

The Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity (PIPCHE/U54) invites concept proposals for Pilot and Full research projects to address significant cancer health disparities among Pacific Islanders in Guam, Hawai'i, and the U.S. Associated Pacific Island (USAPI) jurisdictions. Complementary cancer research expertise and experience of faculty at University of Guam (UOG) and the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center (UHCC) is to be combined with the resources at the partnering institutions to support joint research projects that address cancer related issues, priorities, and opportunities unique to the region. Concepts responsive to the criteria listed below will be invited to submit fully developed proposals for inclusion in the partnership’s 2024 competitive renewal application. This competition is open to all disciplines at the UOG and UH, from biology to health sciences and social sciences.

Requirements: Pilot and Full Project concept proposals must meet the following requirements for consideration:
1. High quality science with the potential to garner independent external support;
2. Science addressing cancer health disparities in Pacific Islanders or cancers of relevance to the Pacific region will be given preference;
3. Projects must be led by at least one investigator from UOG and one investigator from UH;
4. Compliance with requirements as specified in PAR 23-308:
   • Projects may be proposed in any area of cancer-related basic, clinical, translational, prevention, control, behavioral, population, and/or outreach research. Hypothesis-driven projects in outreach and engagement research are encouraged.
   • Joint research projects conducted primarily at either UHCC or UOG may be in any area of cancer research.
   • Joint research projects conducted primarily at the UHCC must address cancer disparity in health disparity populations.

Applications: Written concept proposals are due by Thursday, January 25, 2024 (Hawai'i Time) / Friday, January 26, 2024 (Guam Time). Collaborating investigators should use the attached application form to address the following elements: your scientific question and its importance, preliminary data, study population, design, methods, brief analysis plan, and the research team. Jointly submit concept proposals by the January 25 (Hawai'i)/ January 26 (Guam), 2024 deadline to: U54@cc.hawaii.edu and guamcrc@triton.uog.edu.

Review Criteria and Process: Concepts must align with the overall objective of the U54 parent grant to address cancer health disparities among Pacific Islanders in Guam, Hawai'i, and the U.S. Associated Pacific Island (USAPI) jurisdictions. All research concepts will be reviewed by members of the partnership’s scientific review committees. Collaborating co-leaders of the most promising concepts will be invited to submit fully developed proposals for further review and consideration.

Questions: Principal investigators of the PIPCHE/U54 are available to respond to questions from interested applicants; please contact U54@pipche.org at UOG and U54@cc.hawaii.edu at UHCC. For more information about the Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity, please see the program’s website at https://pipche.org and https://www.uhcancercenter.org/u54.

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