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

The Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity (PIPCHE/U54) announces funding available in fall 2021 for new 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: One year of funding, up to $60,000 in combined (UOG+UHCC) direct costs, is available for pre-pilot cancer research projects beginning fall 2021. Continued funding may be available, dependent upon project need, demonstrated progress, and the availability of funds.

Requirements: Because PIPCHE 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 Thursday, April 1, 2021 (Hawai’i Time) / Friday, April 2, 2021 (Guam Time). Collaborating investigators should use the attached application form to address the project’s Background/Problem, Hypothesis, Specific Aims, and briefly describe Methodology. Jointly submit concept proposals by the April 1 (HI) / April 2 (GU) 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 2021.

Informational Webinar: U54 Principal Investigators will be available on Thursday, March 4 at 3:00 PM (HI) / Friday, March 5 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; see connection details below. For more about PIPCHE’s aims, projects and related information, please see the program’s websites at www.guamcrc.org and www.uhcancercenter.org/u54, and connect with potential research collaborators via PIPCHE’s Facebook page, Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity.

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March 4 at 3:00 PM (HI) / March 5 at 11:00 AM (GU)  
https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/97836009786  
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