Request for Seed Grant Proposals for Cancer Research

AURIC is requesting applications for funding to support cancer research projects. The goal of this program is to fund specific experiments that are designed in response to a grant or manuscript review, or that are necessary to provide preliminary data for an extramural grant application.

Guidelines:
- The principal investigator must be eligible to submit extramural proposals through Auburn University.
- The project must focus on some aspect of cancer.
- The maximum amount allowed is $20,000.
- Funding may be used to support any justified costs except budgeted faculty salaries (budgeted 9 month faculty may not use this funding for summer salary).
- Funding will start October 1, 2017, with a maximum duration of 1 year.
- Submission deadline is 4:45 pm, June 9, 2017.
- Proposals must be submitted electronically, as a single WORD or PDF file, to AURIC@auburn.edu

Proposal Format: (proposals not following these guidelines may be rejected without review)
- **Funding Rationale** (1 page) – *This section is the most important of the proposal!* It should include:
    o A clear justification of the current project with respect to securing extramural funding or publication.
    o The specific aim(s) of the current project and the *future extramural* project.
    o The scientific rationale for both the current and future project.
    o The agency and study section to which the future project will be submitted.
    o If the proposal is designed to respond to a grant or manuscript review, the original grant/manuscript and reviews must be included as an appendix to this proposal (no page limit).
- **Proposed Research** (2 pages) - This section should describe the proposed research for which funding is requested. It should include:
    o Methods
    o Expected experimental results
    o Potential difficulties and alternative approaches

- **Budget and Justification** (1 page) – Include a moderately detailed budget with justification of expenses. Categories should be detailed, but specific items do not need to be listed unless the request is for equipment.
- **PI Biosketch** – Provide a current biosketch for the PI (NIH format is recommended).
- **Appendices** (unlimited pages) – provide additional information including reviews to which you are responding and the manuscript or grant proposal that underwent review. Use of this section to include other manuscripts is not encouraged (and these may be ignored by the reviewers)
- **If the investigator has existing AURIC funding**, a statement regarding how the submitted proposal relates to the funded work should be included, as well as a brief summary of progress on meeting requirements for extramural funding for the existing project, whether or not the two projects are related.