



**2017 Request for Applications (RFA):
Consortium for Canine Comparative Oncology Pilot Projects**

The College of Veterinary Medicine of NC State University and the Duke Cancer Institute are pleased to announce the second joint funding opportunity to support pilot projects in canine comparative oncology. This opportunity is open to all regular rank Faculty (Instructor, Research Assistant Professor, Research Associate Professor, Research Professor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor) at both institutions. Each application must have a Co-PI from the Duke Cancer Institute and the College of Veterinary Medicine of NC State University.

Projects that will translate laboratory discoveries into diagnostic, prognostic, or therapeutic applications will be considered for this funding opportunity.

Projects will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

1. Collaboration is required between investigators at both institutions;
2. Innovation, novelty, and soundness of the research plan;
3. Relevance to canine comparative oncology;
4. Likelihood that the project could lead to new peer-reviewed funding; and
5. Reasonableness of the budget in regards to the project plan.

Application Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2017

Award Details

Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. The maximum duration of the award is 12 months, with the option to submit a competitive renewal application in the following year for an additional year of funding pending funding availability. Proposal budgets can support research staff, equipment, supplies, but not principal investigator effort (unless non-tenure track Faculty at NC State) or travel. The earliest anticipated start date is July 1, 2017.

Review Criteria

Each application will be reviewed by members of an external review committee, followed by a review of the most meritorious applications at a roundtable discussion of the entire committee. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by June 16th, 2017 (summary statements are not provided).

Instructions for Submitting an Application

One PDF file of the application materials should be uploaded to <http://www.c3oncology.org/pilot>.

Please utilize NIH budget, biosketch and research formats (11 point Arial font for text, 9 point Arial font for figure legends and references, 1-inch page margins, no appendices). See <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm> for further details.

1. An NIH biosketch for you and your faculty collaborators.
2. A detailed budget summary including the following:
 - a. Duration for one year (limit);
 - b. Average budget request limits will be \$100,000; and
 - c. Separate budget component for each institution; budgets can support research staff, equipment, supplies, but not principal investigator effort (unless non-tenure track Faculty at NC State) or travel.
3. A 6 page (limit) proposal encompassing the following sections, in this order:
 - a. A brief abstract with specific aims;
 - b. A significance section, paying particular attention to relevance to comparative oncology;
 - c. An innovation section;
 - d. A research design section, including relevant preliminary data and figures;
 - e. A brief statement indicating the need for the funds and an indication of how these, and pilot funds, will assist you in obtaining peer-reviewed funding.
4. References.

If you have questions about this funding opportunity, please contact Ms. Daven Reagan of the Duke Cancer Institute, at daven.reagan@duke.edu.