

2012-2013 Bankhead-Coley Program Bridge Grant Reviewer Questions

ADDITIONAL REVIEW CRITERIA

Time Frame Feasibility: Can the proposed work be accomplished by the investigators in the specified time frame?

- a) Definitely
- b) Yes, with minor reservations
- c) Somewhat
- d) Minimally
- e) Not at all

Explanation of concerns: Please explain any concerns regarding the feasibility of the proposed research.

Federal Funding: Is the Bridge grant research plan likely to increase the chance for federal funding?

- a) Definitely
- b) Yes, with minor reservations
- c) Somewhat
- d) Minimally
- e) Not at all

Comments: Please comment on the likelihood of receiving follow-on federal funding based on the researcher's response to relevant reviewer comments from the summary statement and the feasibility of the scope of work proposed. Please elaborate on strengths or concerns of what has been proposed in this Bridge Grant proposal and how it may influence future funding.

Human Subjects: For research that involves human subjects, evaluate the justification for involvement of human subjects and the proposed protections from research risk relating to their participation according to the following five review criteria: 1) risk to subjects, 2) adequacy of protection against risks, 3) potential benefits to the subjects and others, 4) importance of the knowledge to be gained, and 5) data and safety monitoring for clinical trials.

- a) Acceptable Risks and/or Adequate Protections
- b) Unacceptable Risks and/or Inadequate Protections
- c) Not Applicable (No human subjects)

Protections for Human Subjects Comments: Description of any concerns and recommendations.

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Vertebrate Animals: For research that involves live vertebrate animals, consider the following five points: 1) proposed use of the animals, and species, strains, ages, sex, and numbers to be used; 2) justifications for the use of animals and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers proposed; 3) adequacy of living conditions and veterinary care; 4) procedures for limiting discomfort, distress, pain and injury to that which is unavoidable in the conduct of scientifically sound research including the use of analgesic, anesthetic, and tranquilizing drugs and/or comfortable restraining devices; and 5) methods of euthanasia.

- a) Acceptable Risks and/or Adequate Protections
- b) Unacceptable Risks and/or Inadequate Protections
- c) Not Applicable

Vertebrate Animals Comments: Description of any concerns and recommendations.

ADDITIONAL REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Cancer Relatedness: All applicants must clearly demonstrate how the proposed project is relevant to cancer. Biomedical and biotechnological research must address the etiology, pathogenesis, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and/or cure of cancer. Social scientific and behavioral proposals must address the development, implementation, and/or evaluation of existing or novel approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis, or treatment. Proposed projects must demonstrate a close relationship with advancing progress toward cures for cancer or endeavor to dramatically improve cancer morbidity and mortality. Has the applicant made a compelling case for a strong cancer relationship?

- a) Definitely
- b) Yes, with minor reservations
- c) Somewhat
- d) Minimally
- e) Not at all

Cancer Relatedness Comments: Description of any comments or concerns.

Disparate Groups: If the applicant indicated "Yes," did they present a convincing case that their proposed research will reduce the impact of cancer on disparate groups? Only select "N/A" if the applicant did not indicate "Yes" to the Disparate Group question.

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) N/A

Disparate Group Comments: Description of any concerns.

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Budget and Period of Support: Are the budget and the requested period of support fully justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed research?

- a) Recommend as Requested
- b) Budget Modification Requested (in amount or time)

Budget and Period of Support Comments: Description of any concerns and recommendations for follow-up and/or modifications.

Scientific or Budget Overlap: Overlap, whether scientific or financial, or commitment of an individual's effort greater than 100 percent is not permitted. The goals in identifying and eliminating overlap are to ensure that sufficient and appropriate levels of effort are committed to the project; that there is no duplication of funding for scientific aims, specific budgetary items, or an individual's level of effort; and that funds not otherwise necessary to conduct the approved project are not included in the award.

- a) No Overlap Concerns Identified
- b) Potential Overlap Identified (changes or investigation needed)

Scientific or Budget Overlap Comments: Description of any concerns and recommendations for follow-up and/or modifications.

Other Feedback: Beyond the items already addressed, is there any additional advice you are willing to offer the applicant?

Project Classifications: Select which of the following categories best fits this proposed research project (choose one):

- a) Prevention
- b) Diagnosis
- c) Treatment
- d) Cure