

Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program

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Specialized Programs of Research Excellence
(2-year project)*

Project Title: Developing a Translational Prostate Cancer Research Program

Project Summary: The University of Florida (UF) and H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center (Moffitt) have made a major commitment to unify their efforts and provide the considerable resources necessary to establish, promote, and support translational research in prostate cancer. In this grant, a multidisciplinary team of investigators will collaborate in the development of a comprehensive prostate cancer program through the integration of basic, applied, and clinical research. This program will unite researchers from UF, Moffitt, and the North Florida Veteran's Health System to translate the knowledge gained from basic science discoveries into clinical applications for treatment, prediction of disease progression, and treatment response. Our consortium seeks to create an exceptional environment that allows creative investigators to move ideas rapidly from the laboratory to the bedside. The goal of this grant is to assemble an interdisciplinary team and to create a prostate cancer-focused research environment to compete successfully for an NCI Prostate Cancer Specialized Program of Research Excellence grant application within a 2-year horizon. Successful development of such a program would represent the first and critical step towards developing an integrated translational prostate cancer research model in the State of Florida; one that will be poised to develop and implement the biomedical breakthroughs of the 21st century.