GMaP Region 5 Research Stimulus Award

**Purpose:** The purpose of the GMaP Region 5 Research Stimulus Awards is to support a range of cancer research activities. Applications are strongly encouraged from cancer investigators who are underrepresented in the biomedical sciences according to NIH guidelines for underrepresented populations or cancer disparities researchers (graduate students through junior faculty). We welcome applications from any discipline and institution across the Region 5 region (WA, OR, CA, AK, HI, American Samoa and Guam). The goal of the Research Stimulus Awards is to stimulate new research. Funding is available up to $1,500.

**Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.** Limited funds available.

Examples of research activities that will be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Research that generates new information relevant to cancer regardless of whether the context of the discovery is the laboratory or the field and has the potential to inform a larger grant application as preliminary findings.
- Costs associated with the processing/assaying of biospecimens
- Purchase of secondary data or assembly of data/analytic datasets
- Publication costs
- Literature reviews and summary
- Support to supplement an existing research study by adding a research aim
- Research support personnel (biostatisticians, biomedical informaticians, qualitative analysts, other experts, writing assistance)
- Registration fees for local or national conferences (in lieu of travel awards)
- Professional development workshop/training
- Incentives for research participants
- Transcription costs
- Non-computer equipment such as research supplies, software and core lab costs
- Trainee stipend and research expenses for mentored-trainee project

Research Stimulus Award funding may not be budgeted for (1) salary support for the awarded investigator, (2) office supplies or computers.

**Eligibility:** This award mechanism is open to all developing cancer researchers who are members of Region 5 (graduate students, post-docs, junior faculty) who are underrepresented in the biomedical sciences or studying cancer health disparities.

**GMaP Region 5: WA, OR, CA, AK, HI, American Samoa and Guam**

- Submit a completed Research Stimulus Award application.
- Preference will be given to applicants who intend to apply for one of the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities CURE Awards within the upcoming year.

**Project/Event Information:** Applications must be submitted [here](#) including a PDF with the following application sections (when applicable):

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1) Abstract: A summary of the application (description of conference attending/abstract accepted, support for existing study, incentives for research participants, etc.)

2) Career Impact: Briefly describe the likelihood for your project/funding request to influence your development as a researcher.

3) Research Impact (if applicable): How will the funding advance the science?

4) Connection to Research Plan (if appropriate): Provide detail on how this research supports your overall Research Plan. If relevant, include Specific Aims, Approach, and Project Timeline. Projects that will require a new full human subjects application for review will not be considered due to the funding time window. However, projects that will require IRB modification or are expected to be exempted (e.g. for a secondary data analysis) will be considered. (2 page limit, including tables and figures. References do not count towards the page limit)

5) Cited References (No page limit)

6) Budget: The total budget up to $1,500 is available

7) Budget Justification: Include sufficient detail for reviewers to assess the appropriateness for the funding relevant to your development or your research.

8) Human and/or Animal Subjects: Indicate whether or not your project will require or already has human subjects research. If project is funded, then a copy of IRB approval or exemption will be required before the release of funds.

9) NIH Biosketch (Faculty applicants) or Curriculum Vitae (All non-faculty applicants).

**Review Criteria:** The following review criteria will be considered (depending on project scope):

1) Significance of the work or justification for the funding request.

2) How will the requested stimulus research funding advance the candidate’s research development?

3) Description of the extent to which the requested funding will advance your ability to compete for external funding and which external funding source(s) you anticipate applying to

4) Feasibility (if relevant) ***NOTE: Projects that will require a new, full human subjects application for review will not be considered due to the funding time window. However, projects that will require an IRB modification or expected to be exempted from full review will be considered.

5) CURE eligibility and plans for application and/or cancer health disparities research plans for application.

**Award Information:** Research Stimulus Awards will be awarded via post-purchase reimbursement or coordinated with the Region 5 director to arrange the payment directly. If awardee utilizes reimbursement, proof of purchase will be required via original receipts and proof of payment along with

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completion of a Reimbursement Form. GMaP Region 5 staff will work with funded projects throughout the funding period to monitor progress and provide assistance where necessary. A final report of outcomes will be required. Please acknowledge this funding opportunity in all outcomes achieved due in part or in full from the GMaP Region 5 Research Stimulus Award.

Additional Notes:

➢ All expenses must be received by Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center for reimbursement. Original itemized receipts/proof of payment are required. Reimbursement forms will be provided. You must provide a current W-9 form along with the reimbursement form in order for your reimbursement to be processed.
➢ Limited funds are available
➢ Only one application/event per scholar
➢ This is a competitive award. A committee will convene to approve awards based on merit.
➢ Allow a minimum of 2 weeks for review of application.
➢ If awarded, you will be required to complete a short Post Event/Outcomes Report

Submission:

Complete application form and upload Project/Event Information document (see above) in PDF format.

Questions? Contact Sara Cole, GMaP R5 Regional Coordinating Director, at scole2@fredhutch.org.