Research Funding Opportunity Announcement
University of Guam/University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center Partnership (U54)

The University of Guam (UOG)/University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center (UHCC) Partnership (U54) invites concept proposals for pilot and full research projects to address significant cancer health disparities among Pacific Islanders in Guam, Hawai‘i, and the U.S. Associated Pacific Island (USAPI) jurisdictions. Cancer research expertise and experience of University of Hawai‘i faculty is to be paired with UOG faculty on joint research projects that address cancer related issues, priorities and opportunities unique to the region. Concepts responsive to the criteria listed below will be invited to submit fully developed proposals for inclusion in the partnership’s competitive renewal application, due January 2020 (see PAR-18-361). This competition is open to all disciplines, from biology to health sciences and social sciences.

Requirements: Pilot and Full Project concept proposals must meet the following requirements for consideration:
1. High quality science with the potential to garner independent external support;
2. Science addressing cancer health disparities in Pacific Islanders or cancers of relevance to the Pacific region;
3. Solid preliminary data;
4. Projects must be co-led by competent investigators, at least one from UOG and one from UHCC;
5. Compliance with all requirements as specified in PAR-18-361.

Applications: Written concept proposals are due by Friday, March 1, 2019 (Hawai‘i Time) / Saturday, March 2, 2019 (Guam Time). Collaborating investigators should use the attached application form to address the following components: Background/Problem, Hypothesis, Specific Aims, and a brief description of Methodology. Jointly submit concept proposals by the February 1 (Hawai‘i)/ February 2 (Guam), 2019 deadline to: U54@cc.hawaii.edu and guamcrc@triton.uog.edu.

Review Criteria and Process: Concepts must align with the aims of the U54 parent grant and PAR-18-361. All research concepts will be reviewed by members of the partnership’s review committees. Collaborating co-leaders of the most promising concepts will be invited to submit fully developed proposals for further review and consideration. Preference will be given to applicants with prior record of U54 funding and satisfactory progress, as well as a history of peer-reviewed funding.

Questions: Principal investigators of the UOG/UHCC Partnership are available to respond to questions from interested applicants; please contact guamcrc@triton.uog.edu at UOG and U54@cc.hawaii.edu at UH. For more information about the University of Guam/University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center Partnership, please see the program’s website at www.guamcrc.org.

Funded by the National Cancer Institute’s Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (U54CA143727 and U54CA143728), the UOG/UHCC Partnership is an interdisciplinary and collaborative program dedicated to advancing cancer health equity among Pacific Islanders in Guam, Hawai‘i and the U.S. Associated Pacific Islands through research, training and outreach.