



CCIL/SCC Collaborative Research Grant Program 2024 Request for Proposals

DATES AND DEADLINES

- Proposal Due Date September 13, 2024
- Award Notification October 4, 2024
- Earliest Start Date November 4, 2024

PROGRAM GOALS

The Cancer Center at Illinois (CCIL) and the Siteman Cancer Center (SCC) are soliciting interdisciplinary team research proposals to initiate new collaborations and enhance existing research collaborations among CCIL and SCC members. This CCIL/SCC Collaborative Research Grant Program aims to enable teams to formulate a hypothesis-driven or technology-focused translational cancer research project that relates to one of the following target topic areas:

- a. Imaging and interventions
- b. Advanced sensors for oncology

Proposed study objectives should be aligned with the above identified topic areas.

RESEARCH TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Projects must reflect shared stakeholder involvement and substantive collaboration of investigators from the CCIL and SCC scientific team members. Proposals should specifically address the identified translational interest areas above.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ELIGIBILITY

Each project requires one Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) who is a current CCIL member and one Co-PI who is a current SCC member. The Co-PIs will assume the organizational and scientific leadership for each project. A researcher may only be PI on one submitted project. However, there is no limit to being a co-investigator on other projects.

FUNDING EXPECTATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

Each research team may submit proposals for up to \$50,000 for up to a 2-year period. Funding provided by the CCIL/SCC Collaborative Research Grant Program to launch research projects is expected to be catalytic.

The initiative will not provide interim or incremental support for existing research programs or projects. Projects should not anticipate additional internal funding after the CCIL/SCC Collaboration funds are exhausted.



PROPOSAL PREPARATION

Please provide a 1–2-page narrative describing the research project and its relevance to cancer, including its potential for broad impact. Additionally, include a statement regarding the potential translational applications of the proposed research. Include a statement of the total funding requested, which must not exceed \$50,000.

Please include an additional page in your proposal that lists all team members, their role on the team (Co-PI, Co-Investigator), position/title, home organization, and contact information.

Supplemental attachments are not permitted.

Indirect costs, sub-contracts, and salaries for the PIs are not permissible.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Funded projects are required to submit the following reports:

1. **One-year projects:** A final report at the end of the project year.
2. **Multi-year projects:**
 - An annual report at the end of the first year.
 - A final report at the project's conclusion.

Each report should emphasize the collaborative nature of the research and detail the progress made toward achieving the specific goals. This should highlight potential/anticipated next steps for the further development of this pilot research (e.g., external funding applications based on pilot data; workshops/presentations; publications; etc.).