Marcia Leavitt Cervical Cancer Research Fund: Pilot Funding Available from the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women’s Health Center

December 3rd, 2019 Announcement

Pilot funding is available for research related to the prevention and treatment of cervical cancer. Basic scientists, clinical researchers, and public health and health services researchers are strongly encouraged to apply.

The Iris Cantor-UCLA Women’s Health Center invites submission of projects for pilot funding addressing the following issues:

- To encourage and support research, including interdisciplinary research, in the field of cervical cancer, including:
  - To promote basic science research on cervical cancer, including, but not limited to, genomics, carcinogenesis (cofactors), and the natural history of human papillomavirus infection
  - To study the effectiveness of new strategies to prevent cervical cancer
  - To study the effectiveness of new strategies to screen for cervical cancer
  - To study new treatments for cervical cancer
  - To use established methods of health, utility, and cost measurement to assess and suggest ways to improve the effectiveness of cervical cancer prevention, screening, and treatment

- To train researchers capable of leading and conducting cervical cancer research programs
- To extend resources to increase the quality of cervical cancer research throughout UCLA and affiliated institutions

Funding Amount Available: Up to $75,000 for a two year period

Pilot Submission Timeline and Selection Process

a. Submit a one-page letter of intent and NIH biosketch by e-mail for review. All submissions from interested researchers must be received by noon, Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020 (see contact information below). The letter should indicate/include:
Investigators may request up to $50,000 for a one-year period, or $75,000 for a two-year period.

The Review Committee will review letters of intent and contact investigators whom they wish to submit full pilot proposals by **Monday, March 16th, 2020**. Funded projects will begin **July 1, 2020** for the period **July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022**.

Criteria for selection include: (a) quality of the proposed research; (b) potential of the research to expand understanding of cervical cancer; (c) potential of the pilot funding to expand capacity for research on this topic at UCLA and affiliated sites; and (d) credentials of PI and Co-investigators (if included). Funding may be requested for any purpose which meets the needs of the investigator(s) and complies with UCLA policies for expenditure of funds. Please note that highest priority for the pilots will be given to pilots that would likely lead to R01s (or equivalent level funding from extramural sources) within 2-3 years.

Successful applicants may be asked to attend a team science training.

**Submission of Letter of Intent**

The letter of intent, biosketch(s), and other attachments should be e-mailed to the attention of Audree Hsu, audreehsu@mednet.ucla.edu; (310-794-8063). The **letter of intent, biosketch(s), and other requested materials must be received by noon, Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020.** Any materials received after noon, Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020 will not be considered.