

Instructions for Limited Submission AYA Proposals-2017

All applications must specifically focus on AYA cancers and have a clear justification for how the multi-project program will provide insights into unique aspects of these diseases or may lead to improved outcomes of AYA cancer patients. All programs should include at least three projects with different PIs for each project. All projects within the program must focus on AYA cancers. Evidence of ongoing collaborative activities (papers, grants, ongoing meetings, or other evidence) is essential, however, the addition of new investigators to an established team is also encouraged.

Funds from this RFA will be prioritized for investigators that are currently participating in the AYA working group. However, teams that have not yet been members of this group, but feel they can provide a responsive proposal and wish to join the group, may submit a Letter of Intent requesting consideration.

Proposals will be submitted and reviewed in 3 stages

LOI:

- Submission of a one page proposal including title, research scope, and investigative team
- Additional requirement for teams whose members are not currently participating in the AYA working group
- Invitation to submit full proposal may follow
- LOI due September 11, 2017

STAGE 1:

Proposals should be comprised of the following:

- Specific Aims of the Program as a whole (1 page)
- Specific Aims for each Project within the program (1 page each). At least three projects must be included.
- Description of Research Team, including an outline of the specific roles of the lead and co-PIs
- Biosketches of each member of the research team
- Description of on-going collaborations with evidence of collaborative activities (publications, current grants, or other evidence)
- Stage 1 applications are due October 1, 2017

STAGE 2:

- Based on stage 1 applications, invited research teams will present their program concept and the individual projects to the Executive Committee of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center.

STAGE 3:

- Full proposals will be invited by the Executive Committee of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Proposals will include the following:
 - Cover Page that includes the Title, PI, co-PI, Institution(s), Department(s), and all co-investigators
 - Revised Specific Aims of the Program (1 page)
 - Description of Collaborative Team and Interactions Between Projects (up to 2 pages)
 - Plans for seeking national funding, including a time line (0.5 pages)
 - NIH Biosketches for all key personnel (up to 5 pages each)

- Letters of support from the Cleveland-area coach for multi-PI efforts and the external advisor
- Biosketches for the Cleveland area coach and external advisor
- Individual projects (each 4 pages)
 - Revised Specific Aims of project (1 page)
 - Research Plan for project (3 pages)
 - One page budget for each PI with categories and justification (note PI and co-PI salary support and travel (other than to NIH to meet with program officers), are excluded).
 - Budget for administrative core to support the internal coach, travel/honorarium of the external advisor, travel of the team to the NIH, and other administrative support activities. Up to \$25,000 of the entire program budget request can be used for the administrative core.
- References Cited

Application materials should be submitted electronically to casecccpilots@case.edu

Review Criteria:

- Project focuses on AYA cancers (occurring in patients that are 15-30 years old)
- The multi-investigator team includes individuals that have evidence of ongoing collaborations.
- At least some of the members of the team must have expertise in one or more AYA cancers.
- It should be clear how each project and each PI fits into the program and that they are vital to its success
- Program addresses one or more important biological or clinical research problems in AYA cancers
- Research plans are innovative, impactful, and appropriately designed
- The program and research projects have a high likelihood for future multi-investigator grant funding from national sources
- The role of the program application coach and external advisor should be clearly outlined and justified.

Obligations of Awardees:

- Acknowledgement of support from the Angie Fowler AYA Cancer Research Initiative in all publications and media releases associated with the supported project.
- Timely submission of data and stewardship reports upon request from the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Monthly meetings with all project PIs within the program that are focused on building a competitive PPG or similar grant
- Participation in monthly meetings of the AYA research team
- Presentation of Progress in Cancer Center-sponsored Symposia