

Funding Opportunity: The Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama Collaborative Breast Cancer Research Award

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama (BCRFA) is accepting proposals for two-year collaborative breast cancer research awards among two or more different research entities within the state of Alabama. Collaborative studies are appropriate to address research questions beyond the capacity of a single-site investigation, particularly to foster collaborations among sites with diverse expertise, perspectives, and contributions. Projects may focus on any area of breast cancer research, which may include, but is not limited to: personalized medicine, prevention, early detection, drug discovery, immunotherapy, genomics and new breast cancer treatments. Approved projects will receive \$50,000 annually for two consecutive years, to support the research project. Total award: \$100,000 over a two-year period.

Number of Awards: 2. One award is offered to a collaborative partnership with the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center. A second award is being offered to a collaborative proposal between any two different research entities in Alabama.

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama is a nonprofit organization raising funds and awareness for breast cancer research in Alabama. Since the organization was founded in 1996, the BCRFA has invested over \$7.7 million in breast cancer research initiatives in Alabama. Further information on the organization may be found at BCRFA.org.

The goals for offering the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama Collaboration Award are as follows:

- Encourage collaborative research in Alabama among top researchers in the field of breast cancer research;
- Help support basic research that may emerge as translational research
- Offer seed money to promising breast cancer research in Alabama so that the promising research projects might obtain grant funding from national funders
- Offer hope to those affected by breast cancer and ultimately save lives.

Applicants/organizations may submit more than one application, provided that each application is scientifically distinct.

Key Dates

Opportunity Posting Date: July 9, 2018

Application Due Date: August 31, 2018 by 5:00 PM.

Applications may be forwarded by email to BCRFA@uab.edu or mailed to the address below:

BCRFA Collaboration Award
PO Box 531225
Birmingham, AL 35253

Application Review and Selection: September 2018

Notification of Award: October 2018

Application Requirements

Applications that are out of compliance with these instructions may be delayed or rejected.

Page Limitations: The application, including cover letter, should be no more than eight pages. Biographical sketches are not included in the 8-page limitation.

Cover Letter:

- A descriptive title of the research project with a brief summary of the proposed research area and project
- A listing of all the partnering organizations that are a part of the collaborative project being submitted
- The primary investigator's contact information from each organization. The cover letter should be signed by contacts from each collaborating organization.

Application components:

- Executive Summary of the proposed collaborative breast cancer research project, including responsibilities for each collaborative partner
- Two-Year Budget for the project and anticipated utilization of BCRFA Collaborative Award annually. Award funds may be used for items such as researchers' time dedicated to the project, supplies and core facility fees, etc. The Collaboration Award will not support indirect costs.
- Bio Sketches with emphasis on the Qualifications of Principal Investigators collaborating on the project

Application Review Information

A team of medical experts and BCRFA leadership will evaluate applications for scientific and technical merit as well as:

- Overall impact and likelihood of the project to exert a sustained, powerful impact on breast cancer research
- Significance of project in the field of breast cancer research
- Experience and suitability of researchers for the project
- Research Innovation
- Approach for conducting research project
- Relevance to Award priorities

Award Notices

The BCRFA will provide formal notification of the Award to the successful applicants via email. Selection of an application for Award is not an authorization to begin performance. Any costs incurred before receipt of Award notification are not allowable expenses under the Award.

Reporting

Awardees will be required to submit a Research Progress Report and funding utilization annually to the BCRFA for the two years of the Award funding.

Agency Contacts

We encourage inquiries concerning this funding opportunity and welcome the opportunity to answer questions from potential applicants.

Application Submission/Grant Management

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