

Letter of Intent due: 5:00pm, Friday, November 18, 2022

Applications due: 5:00pm, Friday, December 16, 2022

Since 2009, the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute has invested in outstanding cancer researchers through the Seeds of Science grant-funding program. The Seeds of Science program is supported by (1) [The Envoys](#), a group of community and business leaders that advocate on behalf of the Cancer Institute and (2) the [Hot Springs Village Walk for Cancer Research](#). Funding will support Cancer Institute Investigators pursuing new avenues of cancer research that will accelerate the collection of data for NCI grant submissions and cancer relevant publications. Funds will not supplement already funded research. Proposals should align with the mission and goals of the Cancer Institute.

Eligibility: Each PI must be a Cancer Institute Associate or Full Member. CI Members with active Seeds of Science pilot awards are not eligible to apply. This includes pilot awards currently in no cost extensions. A letter of intent is required for submission of a full application. Letters of intent should be submitted by 5:00pm on 11/18/2022 using the following portal: <https://is.gd/seedsinfoscienceinfo>. Letters should be limited to 250 words. A link for submission of a full application will be provided following submission of the letter of intent.

Award: The maximum 1-year budget is \$50,000 with a funding cycle of 03/01/2023 – 02/29/2024. Funds may not be used for faculty salary support. Subawards are not allowed. Applicants are encouraged to utilize and budget appropriately for use of Cancer Institute Shared Resources. Indirect costs are not allowed.

Review: Proposals will be peer-reviewed. The Envoys Board of Directors and Cancer Institute Director will make final funding decisions.

Expectations: To be eligible for future Cancer Institute support, award recipients will be expected to (1) participate in Cancer Institute activities - including but not limited to Program Meetings, Annual Meetings, and Cancer Institute-sponsored seminars - and (2) complete annual surveys to collect funding outcome metrics.

Contacts: For general questions, contact Dr. Alan Tackett (AJTackett@uams.edu). For administrative questions, contact Ms. Sonet Weed (SWeed@uams.edu).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Following receipt of a letter of intent, applicants will be required to provide the following documents. Do not submit any application components with the letter of intent. Incomplete applications or those that do not comply with the instructions will not be reviewed. Applicants should use Arial font with a minimum 11-point font size. Page margins should be 0.5" all around. Applications must be compiled as a single PDF document prior to submission.

1. Cover page to include the following **(1 page)**:
 - a. Title of project
 - b. Principal Investigator's name, Cancer Institute Program affiliation, department and contact information
2. Overview page **(1 page)** to include the following:
 - a. Project summary (maximum 30 lines)
 - b. Project narrative (maximum 3 sentences)
3. Specific aims **(1 page)**
4. Research strategy **(3 pages)**. The following sections are required: Significance, Innovation, Approach, and Plan for Extramural Funding and Publication. A section on preliminary studies can be included, if relevant.
5. References cited **(1 page)**
6. Detailed budget form **(1 page)**
7. Budget justification **(no page limit)**
8. Facilities and other resources **(no page limit)**
9. Equipment **(no page limit)**
10. NIH Biosketch for the PI **(5 page maximum)**
11. Letters of Support **(no page limit)**. A letter of support from your department chair is required and should indicate that time will be made available for the outlined research. Additional letters of support may be submitted with the application if appropriate to confirm support for the proposed work. As relevant, letters should be provided from directors of Cancer Institute Shared Resources or UAMS Core Facilities that indicate costs for services.
12. IACUC and/or IRB approval **(no page limit)**. If approval is still pending at time of submission, your application will still be reviewed. However, documentation of IACUC and/or IRB approval will be required for all awarded proposals involving animals or human subjects. No award funds will be allocated without these approvals.
13. Record of current and previous Cancer Institute funding **(no page limit)**. Provide a list of current and past Cancer Institute intramural funds received. For past awards, list outcomes of funding (publications, grants submitted and/or funded, patents, etc.). Past productivity will be critically evaluated during review and will impact funding decisions.