Limited Submissions

Sponsor: National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Program: Cooperative Human Tissue Network (CHTN) (UM1 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Estimated Award Amount: $4,000,000
JHU Nomination Limit: 1
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Opportunity Summary:
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement is to support the Cooperative Human Tissue Network (CHTN). The goal for CHTN is to collect and distribute to investigators high quality human tissue specimens to facilitate basic and early translational cancer research. The CHTN is designed as a unique biospecimen resource in that it is based on prospective collection and distribution of samples upon specific investigators' requests. Samples to be collected from patients include pre-cancerous, cancerous, and benign neoplastic tissues, as well as specimens corresponding to non-neoplastic diseases and uninvolved tissues.

This FOA solicits applications for CHTN awards from institutions/teams capable of contributing to the mission of CHTN by:
1. providing prospective investigator-defined procurement of high-quality malignant, benign, diseased, and uninvolved (normal adjacent) tissues and fluids from patients throughout North America and elsewhere;
2. assisting individual investigators with regard to specific specimen needs of their research;
3. assisting in developing and disseminating knowledge on high quality practices for successfully operating a biospecimen repository; and
4. educating the community about the importance of the availability of high quality human tissue specimens for medical research.

Presently, the organizational structure of the Network comprises six "Divisions" (i.e., six individual CHTN awardees), that include five adult biospecimen Divisions and one pediatric biospecimen Division. The continuation of CHTN will maintain these two types of Divisions.

Applicants are expected and encouraged to apply for that type of CHTN Division that matches their capabilities. However, applicants proposing to predominantly procure adult specimens can also contribute pediatric samples for networked requests.

Eligibility & Requirements:
- Any individual designated as the PD/PI for the proposed CHTN Division must be a board-certified anatomical and/or surgical pathologist, who is actively involved in the operation of a pathology laboratory that has demonstrated access to human cancer tissues.
- All applicants must request a project period of 5 years.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:
1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins) (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

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