The Emerson Collective is proud to announce another round of funding for cancer research at Johns Hopkins University. Johns Hopkins University | Emerson Collective Cancer Research Fund is requesting individual or team proposals for research projects related, but not limited to, immunotherapy, metabolic therapies, early detection advancements, ‘high risk/high reward’ initiatives and/or -omic approaches cancer and drug development. Positive criteria include the potential of a project to significantly impact our understanding of and/or approaches to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of cancer.

**Criteria**
This RFP is open to all faculty undertaking research relevant to cancer at JHU. A team of JHU | Emerson Collective Cancer Research Fund employees and associates will evaluate the applicant pool. Applicants will be evaluated on the following positive criteria:

- The audacity and innovation of the research proposal. Incremental research will not be funded.
- The potential of the proposed research to affect multiple cancer types
- The potential to translate said research into further experiments, and clinical trials
- The applicant’s lack of resources to pursue the proposed research
- Compliance with a two-year maximum timeframe for research

The applicant’s prior experimental track record will not be the principal determining factor in evaluation.

**Timeline**
- **RFA Launch**: Monday, January 7, 2019
- **Proposals Due**: Monday, March 11, 2019 5 p.m. EST.
- **Award Decisions**: Monday, May 6, 2019
- **Funding Available**: Monday, June 3, 2019
- **One-Year Progress Report Due**: Monday, May 4, 2020
- **Final Report Due**: Monday, May 3, 2021

**Amount of Funding**
Gift awards range from $50,000 up to $200,000 for up to 2 years for both direct and indirect costs. It may be possible to apply for renewal with additional funding on subsequent RFP rounds. However, new projects will be prioritized. This fund does not support incremental research.

**Questions?** Please submit questions to Andrew Isaac in the Office of Foundation Relations, email: aisac1@jhu.edu, phone: 410-516-2319.

**Ready to submit?** Please submit proposals using the Emerson Collective’s online submission portal: https://proposalcentral.altum.com/ProposalGI.asp?SectionID=7227&ProposalID=1
**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Applications must be submitted by Monday, March 11, 2019 at 5 p.m EST via the online submission portal:  [https://proposalcentral.altum.com/ProposalGI.asp?SectionID=7227&ProposalID=-1](https://proposalcentral.altum.com/ProposalGI.asp?SectionID=7227&ProposalID=-1)

**Research Proposal Guidelines (up to 4 pages)** | A recommended outline includes:

- **Title Page (one page):** Project title; PI name, title, department, address, phone, and email address; Co-PI(s) name, title, department, address, phone, and email address
- **Lay abstract/Proposal Overview (½ page)**
- **Background, Significance and Innovation (½ page)**
- **Specific Aims (one page)**
- **Scientific Approach and Methods (2 pages):** Should include an aim overview, preliminary studies, experimental plan, anticipated results and potential shortcomings.

**Other Documents Guidelines** | Milestones, References, Illustrations, Biosketch and budget forms.

- **References (up to 1 page; REQUIRED)**
- **Illustrations (no page recommendation)**
- **Milestones/Deliverables (½ page; REQUIRED)**
- **All PI and Co-PI(s) must include an NIH style biosketch describing their educational background, positions held, and key publications (up to 4 pages per investigator).**
- **Budget form must also be submitted for each year of funding requested; template provided.**
  - Funding is available to support personnel, supplies, equipment, and other general costs associated with the project. Provide a categorical budget outline for the project, see budget template for details. A 15% indirect charge applies to the project costs and should be included in your budget request. Total budget request including the both direct and indirect costs should not exceed $200K.
  - All proposed budgeting must conform to the general policies of the institution.

**Acceptance or Rejection**

This RFP is not an offer to contract. Due to the high volume of applications, reviewers will be unable to provide feedback on proposals that are not selected. Acceptance of a proposal neither commits Emerson Collective to award a contract to any supplier nor limits Emerson Collective’s rights to 1) accept or reject any proposals part or in whole; 2) request further clarification on any specific response, omission or claim made in a response to the RFP; 3) to further evaluate one or more proposals via additional interviews/presentations, or other additional criteria; and 4) to further negotiate the terms submitted in a proposal, including price, prior to the final award.

Please submit completed proposals using Emerson Collective’s online grant submission portal:  [https://proposalcentral.altum.com/ProposalGI.asp?SectionID=7227&ProposalID=-1](https://proposalcentral.altum.com/ProposalGI.asp?SectionID=7227&ProposalID=-1)