New York State Department of Health-Funded Prostate Cancer Research Program
Call for Proposals
Deadline: November 30, 2015

OVERVIEW
The New York State Department of Health (DoH) supports prostate cancer research under the NYS Prostate and Testicular Cancer Research and Education Fund. Under RFA#1410200115, the DoH solicited proposals from New York academic institutions to request funds that they would subsequently award via their own internal peer review processes to investigators conducting research in this area at their institutions.

The Research Foundation for SUNY at Binghamton University submitted a proposal on behalf of John G. Baust and Robert G. Van Buskirk, co-PIs, during this last round and has received an award to establish an internal request for proposals process for faculty conducting hypothesis-developing research that represents an innovation to an important problem in prostate cancer. This document represents that Call for Proposals.

This internal Prostate Cancer Call for Proposals (PC-CFP) will provide funding for two one-year research projects at the level of $33,480 each for the exploration of innovative, untested and potentially high-gain concepts and methods in the area of prostate cancer research. This funding is intended to offer investigators opportunities to explore innovative, untested hypotheses, the results of which could provide the scientific rationale upon which new hypotheses or initial proofs-of-principle of innovative hypotheses can be generated. Research must be no greater than minimal risk, exempt under 32 CRF 219.101 (B) or eligible for expedited review under 32 CRF 219.110 or 21 CFR 56.110 by the campus’s Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Projects funded through this program are expected to identify new avenues for research and establish the basis and rationale for additional funding opportunities. Two twelve-month awards will be made for projects beginning February 1, 2016.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY
Eligibility includes investigators at the level of postdoctoral fellow or above.

REVIEW PANEL
All proposals will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research (ACSR). As needed, ACSR will supplement this membership with external reviewers with specific expertise in prostate cancer to round out the review panel. ACSR will recommend awards to the Vice President for Research (VPR). Upon the VPR’s review and approval, awards will be announced to the campus. Following are the criteria upon which proposals will be evaluated:

1. Demonstration that proposed research supports hypothesis-developing research that represents innovation to an important problem in prostate cancer. Research must be no greater than minimal risk, exempt under 32 CRF 219.101 (B) or eligible for expedited review under 32 CRF 219.110 or 21 CFR 56.110 by the local Institutional Review Board (IRB). (40%)

2. Originality, significance, quality and future impact of the proposed research. (20%)

3. Ability to attract future federal, state, philanthropic or private funding. (20%)

4. Strength of record of achievement of the team. (20%)
PROPOSAL PREPARATION
Funding is available to support two awards, each in the amount of $33,480, for a maximum of one year. The awarded budget will provide each project with funds for items such as graduate student support, travel, and supplies and materials. Completed application packages must be submitted electronically to osp@binghamton.edu. The proposal deadline for the PC-CFP program is 5:00 pm on November 30, 2015. Projects will begin February 1, 2016. Applicants are encouraged to submit non-proprietary content and clearly mark proprietary information, when applicable.

All proposals must contain the following elements, in one document:

1) Proposal Cover Page (attached cover page must be used)

2) Project Narrative (3 pages maximum, single spaced, one inch margins, 11 point font)
   - Describe the proposed hypothesis-developing research, and how it represents an innovation to an important problem in prostate cancer. Please explain how the planned research will be no greater than minimal risk, exempt under 32 CFR 219.101 (B) or eligible for expedited review under 32 CFR 219.110 or 21 CFR 56.110 by the local Institutional Review Board (IRB).
   - Describe the project’s originality, significance, quality and future impact.
   - Describe PI and Co-Investigator contributions to the project. Demonstrate the team’s experience in prostate cancer research (grant funding, publications, conference presentations, etc.) Discuss the student’s participation on the project.
   - Provide a brief statement of the benefits of this project, if funded, to the University. Specifically address the increase in fundability or visibility that would be achieved;
   - Explain the project’s ability to attract future federal, state, philanthropic or private funding.
   - Describe plans for seeking external support for this project based upon this collaboration and include a listing of potential sponsors and timelines for proposal preparation.

3) Literature Cited: Provide the key citations which relate directly to this project.

4) Budget and Budget Justification: Please provide a brief narrative describing the use to which the funds available will be used.

5) Biographical Sketches: Maximum two pages per investigator. (NIH or NSF style will be accepted, as will standard curriculum vitae format)

REPORTS
Project PIs will be expected to provide quarterly progress reports, as well as a final report summarizing the outcomes of the project gathered from the team, including any abstracts, publications, proposal submission activities, and invention disclosures (if applicable). Further, plans for submitting proposals to external funding agencies should be described. Information on awarded projects (Title, PI Team, and non-confidential abstract) will be posted to the Division of Research webpage. The project must be completed within the awarded timeframe. Budget revisions will require approval from the New York State Department of Health. Selected PIs must agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the award.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Questions about proposal preparation (including PI eligibility) or budgeting should be directed to OSP staff. Additional proposal questions may be addressed to Mary Beth Curtin, AVP for Strategic Research Initiatives, mcurtin@binghamton.edu.
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PROPOSAL COVER PAGE

Title of Project:

Principal Investigators and Departments:

Funding Requested: $33,480

Project involves: (check all that apply):

- □ Human Subjects
- □ Biosafety/rDNA
- □ Radiation Safety
- □ Stem Cells
- □ Vertebrate Animals
- □ Hazardous Waste
- □ Select Agents
- □ None of the above

Project Abstract (200 words or less):