The Skin Cancer Institute (SCI) announces the availability of research funds to serve as seed money for skin cancer researchers to test novel strategies for prevention, detection, or treatment of skin cancer.

SCI unifies the University of Arizona Cancer Center’s many skin cancer-related activities into one coordinated entity. We seek to bring together innovative research, visionary clinical care, and life-changing education and community outreach under one virtual roof. The SCI is committed to understanding skin cancer etiology, prevention, and treatment. Our group of internationally-recognized scientists is working together to combine new ideas and discoveries. Translation of these discoveries from the laboratory to the clinic to the community will improve health and reduce the skin cancer burden. Visit the SCI website for more information on the Institute.

**Funding Mechanisms**

- **Eligibility:** These funds are to serve as seed money to support faculty and research fellows from any department at the University of Arizona who have a specific research focus in skin cancer prevention, detection, or treatment. Total Pilot Grant budget for a maximum of one (1) year cannot exceed $5,000.

- **Award guidelines:** The research should be completed within one year. It is anticipated that 2 awards of approximately $5,000 will be funded. Awardees will be acknowledged at the 2018 Melanoma Walk, the major annual fundraiser for the SCI. Awardees (and their lab members) are expected to participate in the Melanoma Walk in November 2018.

**Submission Guidelines**

- Applications must address important issues concerning the etiology, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of skin cancers
- Research proposals must be of a translational nature, either laboratory-based or behavioral.
- General Instructions for Proposal Submission: Complete the cover sheet and proposal, following the proposal format and page limits described below.
  1) Cover Page/Lay Summary
  2) Research Plan – 3 pages maximum organized as Specific Aims, Rationale and Significance, and Experimental Approach/Methods
  3) References – 2 pages maximum
  4) Budget, budget justification, and a list of all current research support –2 pages max
  5) Biographical Sketch in the new NIH format – 5 pages max
- Email the completed application to Betsey Wagener at betsey@email.arizona.edu.

**Review Criteria**

- Does the application address important issues concerning the etiology, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of skin cancers?
- Likelihood of the project being completed in 1 year
- Likelihood of the project resulting in a manuscript and/or future grant
- Is the research proposal of a translational nature, either laboratory-based or behavioral?

**Timeline**

Deadline for receipt of applications: **Friday, January 12, 2018**
Notice of grant award: on or around **February 15 2018**
Questions? **Contact Betsey Wagener, PhD** at 626-4894 or betsey@email.arizona.edu
Deadline: January 12, 2018

Submit in electronic form (with an electronic signature) to Betsey Wagener at betsey@email.arizona.edu

Please use Arial font, 11 point or larger, single spaced

Project Title

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Principal Investigator

Academic Title

Department

Campus Address, PO Box

Phone

E-mail

Lay Summary (300 words or less): This summary should describe the proposed project in language that would be suitable for presenting the study goals and procedures to community members who are donors of the Skin Cancer Institute. This summary will be published online so do not include any proprietary details.

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Amount requested $________________________

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Applicant Signature

Date