

The UTHSC and Harbin Medical University
Offices of The Vice Chancellor for Research Announce
The Global CORNET Awards
Collaborative Research Network
in Cancer, Vascular Disease, Diabetes and Epidemiology



Harbin Medical University

Purpose: To stimulate innovative, interdisciplinary, team-based research in cancer, vascular disease, drug discovery especially related to vascular disease, diabetes, and epidemiology that involves investigators from University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) and Harbin Medical University (HMU), and which will give rise to future external funding. The Awards are designed to promote new lines of research and are not intended as bridging funds or a mechanism to extend ongoing funded research.

- **Minimum Requirements:** To be eligible for a UTHSC/HMU CORNET Award, each proposal must include, **at minimum**, one faculty member from each Health Science Center. All UTHSC campuses are eligible. Adjunct faculty are not eligible.
 - **Award Level:** Resources are available to fund up to **five** Awards, for up to \$50,000/award for one year. Addenda will allow for an additional one year no-cost-extension depending on progress.
- **Required Application Materials:**
 - Abstract (200-word limit)*
 - Research proposal (**2 pages only** - please include: Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Data and a brief description of Methods)
 - References*
 - Description and timeframe of extramural proposals (including funding agency) that will be submitted as a result of this seed money. See separate attachment for a listing of potential funding opportunities. (one paragraph)*
 - Explanation of institutional/investigator responsibilities (one page)*
 - Budget & justification (one page from each campus)*
 - Budget Restrictions:
 - Faculty salaries are not allowed. Limited salaries (small % effort) for technicians, students, post docs or other professionals is allowed.
 - Budget maximum is \$25,000 for each campus
 - No travel money
 - Other support for each PI (intramural and extramural). Please include: title, funding agency, grant type, project period, annual direct costs.*
 - NIH Style Biosketch for each investigator (5-page limit for each investigator).*
 - Face Sheet. *
 - Templates for Face Sheet, NIH Style Biosketch, Other support, and Budget Page, along with an Applicant Checklist (to ensure a complete submission package) can be downloaded from the InfoReady Review (IRR) competition page website <https://uthsc.infoready4.com>.
- **Institutional Approvals:** Institutional approvals for research involving human subjects, animals, biohazards, etc. must be received prior to release of funding.
- **Application Deadline:** Submissions are due by **October 13, 2017**. Funding decisions will be made in the beginning of December and funding for selected grants will begin on January 1, 2018.
- **Review:** Submitted proposals will be reviewed by a committee, chosen by the UTHSC and HMU Vice Chancellors for Research.
- Project successes will be evaluated through semi-annual reports, manuscripts published, and grants submitted.

Proposals must be submitted by the **UTHSC PI**, in one pdf via the UTHSC IRR website <https://uthsc.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1762180>

For questions regarding this funding opportunity, please contact Professor Weikuan Gu, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research, Global Partnerships (wgu@uthsc.edu) or Professor Dianjun Sun, PhD (hrbmusdj@163.com). For questions regarding IRR contact Lisa Youngentob at lyoungen@uthsc.edu.

* Not included in 2-page limit.