



The **UTHSC and West China Hospital-Sichuan University**  
Offices of The Vice Chancellor for Research and  
Executive Vice President for Research Announce  
The Global **CORNET Awards Collaborative Research Network**  
in Regenerative Medicine



**Purpose:** To stimulate innovative, interdisciplinary, team-based research in regenerative medicine, that involves investigators from University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) and West China Hospital-Sichuan University (WCHSU), 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. However, an active, multi-year, extramurally-funded research program in the applicant's laboratory is a requirement.

**Minimum Requirements:** To be eligible for a UTHSC/WCHSU CORNET Award, each proposal must include, **at minimum**, one faculty member from UTHSC and one faculty member from WCHSU.

- **All applicants are required to have an active, multi-year, extramurally-funded research program to apply to this announcement**
- All UTHSC campuses are eligible
- Adjunct faculty are not eligible

**Award Level:** Resources are available to fund up to **four** 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, Budget Page, NIH-Style Biosketch, and Other Support can be downloaded from the InfoReady Review (IRR) competition page website <https://uthsc.infoready4.com>.

\*not included in 2-page limit

**Institutional Approvals:** Institutional approvals for research involving human subjects, animals, biohazards, etc. must be received prior to release of funding.

**Timetable:**

- Submissions are due by **Friday, November 16, 2018 at 6:00pm CT**. Proposals must be submitted by the **UTHSC PI**, in one pdf via the UTHSC Info Ready Review (IRR) website at <https://uthsc.infoready4.com/>. Please see IRR submission instructions below.
- Due to the UTHSC holiday break, funding decisions will be made in mid-January, with funding for selected grants targeted to begin on March 1, 2019.

**Review:** Submitted proposals will be reviewed by a committee, chosen by the UTHSC Vice Chancellor for Research of UTHSC and the Executive Director of WCHSU Institute of Regenerative Medicine

- Project successes will be evaluated through semi-annual reports, manuscripts published, and grants submitted.

For questions regarding this funding opportunity, please contact Prof. Gabor Tigyi, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Global Partnerships and Industry Relations ([gtigyi@uthsc.edu](mailto:gtigyi@uthsc.edu)) or Ms. Lin Wang, Assistant to Prof. James Kang PhD ([wanglin912980@126.com](mailto:wanglin912980@126.com)). For questions regarding IRR, contact Lisa Youngentob at [lyoungen@uthsc.edu](mailto:lyoungen@uthsc.edu).

**\*\*Applications will only be accepted via the UTHSC InfoReady Review (IRR) portal at <https://uthsc.infoready4.com/>**

**Please read all of the directions below regarding login, choosing a primary organization, and applying, before clicking on the InfoReady Review link.**

1. Click "**here**" (<https://uthsc.infoready4.com/>) to access the UTHSC InfoReady Review homepage
2. Click "**Log In**" in the upper right corner of the screen (in the green area)
3. On the next screen, click the blue box labeled "**University of Tennessee Health Science Center Login**"
4. Log in using your UTHSC Net ID and Password
5. **First time IRR users must also select their primary organization before submitting their proposal**  
**Returning users who have already chosen their Primary Organization can proceed to #6 below**
  - a. After logging in, click on your name in upper right. This will take you to your User Profile
  - b. Scroll down to *Organizational Levels*, and click "**Add Primary Organization**"
  - c. Choose your affiliation from the drop-down menu (it drills down to departmental level)
  - d. Click "**Save and Close**"
  - e. Click "**Save Changes**" at the bottom of User Profile page
  - f. Click "**Home**" (orange writing under green bar) in upper left to get back to home page.
6. Once on homepage, click on the name of the competition you want to apply to, at the bottom of the page
7. Click "**Apply**" in right column
8. Enter all required information in fields that are marked with an asterisk (\*). **You will not be able to submit your application without filling in all asterisk marked fields.** If a required field (\*) does not apply to you, please enter "**n/a**" in the field.
9. Upon completion of your application, you will receive an email confirmation. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 5 minutes of submitting, please contact Lisa Youngentob, [lyoungen@uthsc.edu](mailto:lyoungen@uthsc.edu)