

PROJECTS IN ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY

Application Guidelines and Review Policy

Mission

To provide faculty in Anatomic Pathology with support for high-quality research projects. Projects will be funded to a maximum cost of \$20,000 per project with total program costs of no more than \$150,000 annually. Projects will be assessed and prioritized using the following criteria:

1. aligned with institutional, departmental and division priorities
2. potential to expand research opportunities
3. likelihood to yield peer-reviewed publication(s)
4. opportunity to increase collaboration within or across divisions
5. opportunity to engage pathology trainees
6. likelihood to yield extramural grant support (if appropriate to project)

Applications not initially approved for funding can be revised and resubmitted for consideration.

Application Format

Project proposals should be brief (≤ 3 pages, 1 inch margins, ≥ 12 point font) and should include the following sections:

- Background and Significance
- Specific Aims
- Preliminary Data – if appropriate
- Research Design and Methods
- Discussion – including a succinct discussion of expected outcomes, potential pitfalls, alternative approaches and benefit to the investigator(s)
- Relevant references – if appropriate
- Budget - justify all anticipated expenditures. Salary support for laboratory personnel and equipment purchases are not allowed

Review Process

Project proposals will be submitted and reviewed quarterly by a committee comprised of Anatomic Pathology faculty with diverse interests (K. Cho, D. Fullen, T. Giordano, J. Greenson, A. Lieberman, D. Lucas). Deadlines for submission are February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15. Applications will be scored by all committee members on a 1-5 scale (best to worst) and prioritized based on score. Approved projects will receive funding effective the 1st day of the first month of the following quarter (i.e. January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1). For each funded project, a brief summary of progress after one year and all project-related abstracts and publications should be reported to the committee.

In order to accommodate the USCAP abstract deadline in late September, applications for USCAP-related projects will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis from July 1 – August 15. Funding for approved USCAP-related projects will commence immediately upon approval.

Applications and related correspondence should be sent as electronic files to Kathleen Cho, M.D. at: kathcho@umich.edu