**CPRIT Early Clinical Investigator Awards (ECI) LOI for 2025**

*\*Limited Institutional Submission Opportunity requiring LOI and Internal Selection*

CPRIT has released Early Clinical Investigator Award (ECI) RFA aimed at supporting outstanding early clinical investigators in Texas. This award supports early-career cancer physicians in developing research skills, gaining experience with advanced methods, forming lab partnerships for trial studies, and leading investigator-initiated clinical trials, ultimately increasing the number of clinical investigators at Texas institutions conducting patient-oriented cancer research.

**KEY points:**

* Candidates must be physicians within the first 5 years of a faculty appointment at the assistant professor level or equivalent. Applicants are encouraged to review the eligibility criteria carefully, ensuring they meet all requirements before submitting their LOI
* **RFA:**  [Early Clinical Investigator Awards (ECI)](https://bcmedu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/u249572_bcm_edu/Documents/01%20DLDCCC%20%E2%97%88Julia%E2%97%88/01%20Grants%20Management/CPRIT/CPRIT%20Early%20Clinical%20Investigator%20Awards%20%28ECI%29/Early%20Clinical%20Investigator%20Awards%20%28ECI%29.pdf).
* Award: Up to **$200,000** per year for a period of up to **5** **years**
* An institution may submit only **2 applications** under this RFA during this funding cycle

**LOI Details:**

1. A **two -page** LOI explaining how you meet these requirements and would use the protected time; specifically, ongoing clinical research projects and those you have planned for the duration of this award.
2. A NIH biosketch
3. A one-page preliminary budget, consistent with the description in the RFA

**Submission Details:**

* As the CPRIT application is due on December 10, 2024, the Internal Submission deadline is by **5 PM, Monday, September 23th, 2024**.
* Applications should be submitted through the [DLDCCC Proposal Submission Portal](https://www.bcm.edu/academic-centers/dan-l-duncan-comprehensive-cancer-center/research/dldccc-proposal-submission-form) ensuring all materials are uploaded **as a single PDF file**.

Please name your LOI file as follows:
**NAME OF SPONSOR\_PI LAST NAME\_LOI**
*Example:* **CPRIT\_SMITH\_LOI**

**Review the RFA** and be sure your LOI is consistent with the criteria and guidelines for this cycle. Notifications of decisions will be sent by October 2024, allowing sufficient time to develop a full proposal for the CPRIT deadline.

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