**Request for Proposals for Collaborative Research Projects with the Diana Helis Henry Medical Research Foundation (DHHMRF) and Adrienne Helis Malvin Medical Research Foundation (AHMMRF)**

BCM is soliciting proposals to conduct collaborative, cancer-related research with the DHHMRF and AHMMRF (HMRFs). **The primary goal of this collaborative research opportunity is to foster fundamental, discovery driven biomedical research that may lead to target validation, new target identification and/or drug development.** Whereas projects may contain a drug development aim, they should not focus solely ondrug development. Projects dealing primarily with epidemiology or frank clinical trials will not be considered. The HMRFs encourage risk takingand value the premise of the hypothesis/idea of the project as much as the extent of preliminary data.

Submitted projects will be subjected to two rounds of internal review and those ranked most highly will also receive an external review by the HMRFs Research Advisory Council. Projects will be considered for 3 years of collaboration and may request up to $225,000 of total cost per year. The total cost is inclusive of rent paid to BCM for identified laboratory space and 15% indirect costs.

Competition is restricted to full-time, regular rank BCM faculty members. Investigators interested in applying for HMRF collaboration may contact Dean Edwards, Ph.D. (representing BCM; deane@bcm.edu) or Anthony Means, Ph.D. (representing HMRF; armeans@bcm.edu) to address any scientific questions. Since there are unique administrative aspects to this sponsored research mechanism, please contact Shari Robinson (Shari.Robinson@bcm.edu) for administrative and/or budgetary guidance.

**Projects must be submitted using the application form included with this email.**

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Monday,** **March 21st, 2022.** Please submit your completed proposal via the DLDCCC website at <https://www.bcm.edu/academic-centers/dan-l-duncan-comprehensive-cancer-center/research/dldccc-proposal-submission-form>

The PIs of the finalist projects selected by internal review for further consideration by the Research Advisory Council of the HMRFs will be notified on or about **April 26th 2022**. Finalists will be required to give an oral presentation to representatives from the HMRFs on **May 18th, 2022**, the day following the annual HMRF Distinguished Lecture. Projects chosen for funding will begin on July 1, 2022.