

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 cancer-related research in collaboration with the DHHMRF and AHMMRF (HMRFs). The primary goal of this 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 on drug development. Projects dealing primarily with epidemiology or frank clinical trials will not be considered. The HMRFs also will not consider proposals that are merely supplements or extensions of on-going research funded by other agencies. HMRFs encourage novel areas of research and risk taking, and value the premise of the hypothesis/idea of the project as much as the extent of preliminary data.

Submitted projects will receive an initial review by a standing committee of the Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center on internal grant opportunities. Those applicants ranked most highly by the internal committee will receive an additional external review by the HMRFs Research Advisory Council. Projects will be considered for 3 years of support 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 collaboration with the HMRFs 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 Juhee Hong, Juhee.hong@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 *Friday, March 14th, 2025*. Submit your completed proposal via the [DLDCCC Submission Portal](#).

The PIs of the finalist projects selected by the internal review committee for further consideration by the Research Advisory Council of the HMRFs will be notified on or about *April 16th, 2025*.

Finalists will be required to give an oral presentation in-person to representatives from the HMRFs on the morning of *May 7th, 2025*, the day following the annual HMRF Distinguished Lecture. Projects chosen for funding will begin on July 1, 2025.