**Emerson Collective Cancer Research RFA**

**Overview**

The Emerson Collective is proud to announce a new research award program in oncology research. The Emerson Collective Cancer Research Fund is requesting individual or team proposals for research projects related, but not limited to, immuno-oncology and molecular oncology. Positive criteria include the potential of a project to significantly impact our understanding of and/or approaches to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of cancer.

**Award Funding**

Awards range are typically up to $200,000 for two years (100K USD / year). It may be possible to apply for renewal with additional funding on subsequent RFP rounds.

**Criteria**

A team of Emerson Collective Cancer Research Fund employees and associates will evaluate the applicant pool. Applicants will be evaluated on the following positive criteria:

1. The audacity and innovation of the research proposal. Incremental research will not be funded
2. The potential of the proposed research to affect multiple cancer types
3. The potential to translate said research into further experiments, and clinical trials
4. The applicant’s need for resources to pursue the proposed research
5. Compliance with a two-year maximum timeframe for research

**The applicant’s prior experimental track record will not be the principal determining factor in evaluation**. Finalists may also be interviewed prior to a funding decision.

**Eligibility**

This RFP is open to all faculty members in the above research areas.

**Research Proposal Guidelines**

The research proposal should be no longer than 5 pages; single-spaced, *2 centimeters* *margins,* Arial or Times New Roman, size 12 or larger, excluding figures, CVs, references and budget. Please address the following questions in your application:

1. What specific problem in oncology are you addressing, how are you addressing it, and why is it important?
2. How will you experimentally approach your work?
3. How does your current funding not allow you to pursue this work?
4. How is your work applicable across cancer types?
5. What will you do with the answer(s) provided by your work, and what are the next steps you think would be appropriate given your answers?

**CV** (up to 3 pages) in NIH style is mandatory. (*NIH Biosketch*)

**Acceptance or Rejection**

This RFP is not an offer to contract. Acceptance of a proposal neither commits Emerson Collective to award a contract to any supplier nor limits Emerson’s rights to 1) accept or reject any proposals part or in whole; 2) request further clarification on any specific response, omission or claim made in a response to the RFP; 3) further evaluate one or more proposals via additional interviews/presentations, or other additional criteria; and 4) further negotiate the terms submitted in a proposal, including price, prior to the final award.

**Budgeting**

• The award funding may be applied to research tools, research assistants, however **not towards the salary of the PI**.

• 15% of the requested budget will be applied as indirect costs of the applicant’s institution. Total budget request including the indirect costs should not exceed $200K.

• All proposed budgeting must conform to the general policies of the institution.

**Dates:**

**Internal deadline: June 24th, 2018**

Deadline for Applications:

July 1st 2018

Funding Awarded: Sept. 1st, 2018

**Submissions**

These must be emailed in their complete form to Liat Grumberg ([liatgrum@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:liatgrum@tauex.tau.ac.il)) at the Research Authority.