



## Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center

### 2024 Small Pilot Awards Signaling and Biotechnology (SBT) Program Release date of March 20, 2024

#### Purpose

The Signaling and Biotechnology (SBT) program of the Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center (AHWFBCCC) is pleased to announce the availability of program leader discretionary funds to support cancer-related pilot projects by SBT members. Funding is available to seed new or ongoing research projects that have promise for larger-scale extramural support. Five to ten applications in the range of \$10,000 to \$20,000 each with a duration of one year will be funded.

#### Eligibility

The Principal Investigator must be a member of the SBT Program. Collaborations between members from Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and VT campuses are strongly encouraged.

#### Key Dates

| Date                         | Detail                       |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>May 1, 2024 (5PM EST)</b> | Application Deadline         |
| June 15, 2024                | Notification of awards       |
| July 15, 2024                | Project Start Date           |
| July 15, 2025                | 12-month Progress Report Due |

#### Application Procedure

##### Full Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 1, 5 pm EST

The application can be submitted through [REDCap](#), by the deadline noted above. Application instructions are summarized below.

#### Required Information

##### Format Specifications

- Arial font and no smaller than 11 point.
- Margins at least 0.5 inches (sides, top and bottom).
- Single-spaced lines.

##### 1. Submission/Applicant Information

- Project Title
- Submitting Investigator, Co-Investigator(s), and other Key Personnel information

##### 2. Abstract (250 words max)

##### 3. Research plan (Up to two pages)

- Address novel and/or innovative hypotheses or approaches that leverage cross-disciplinary synergies.
- Describe the strategy for submission of R-or P-type grant applications to further the work developed in this pilot.

##### 2. References (no page limit)

##### 3. NIH-style biographical sketch for all Key Personnel

##### 4. A brief Budget and Justification



- Complete the budget template form provided in [REDCap](#) along with a brief justification for the funds requested for this RFA.

### Budget Guidelines

Funds may be budgeted for:

- Research support personnel (including undergraduate and graduate students).
- Faculty salary support may also be included, but should be well justified.
- Travel necessary to perform the research.
- Small (non-capital) equipment, research supplies and shared resources core lab costs.
- Other purposes deemed necessary for the successful execution of the proposed project.

Funds may **not** be budgeted for:

- Office supplies or communication costs, including printing.
- Meals or travel, including to conferences, except as required to collect data.
- Professional education or training.
- Computers or audiovisual equipment, unless fully justified as a need for the research.
- Manuscript preparation and submission, or
- Indirect costs

### Review Criteria and Process

Proposals will be evaluated by the SBT program leaders. Funding decisions will be made based on an evaluation of the projects' connection with the goals of the CCC and likelihood of future extramural funding related to the project.

Any IACUC and/or IRB protocols must be approved prior to funding of the approved pilot.

A progress report will be required at the end of the 12 months and PIs will be invited to present their findings at upcoming SBT quarterly meetings and/or annual retreats. No cost extensions are not permitted for small pilot grants.

### Contacts

Questions about your research proposal should be directed to the SBT program co-leaders, Dr. Chang Lu ([changlu@vt.edu](mailto:changlu@vt.edu)); Dr. Steven Park ([steven.park@atriumhealth.org](mailto:steven.park@atriumhealth.org)), or Dr. Karen Haas ([kmhaas@wakehealth.edu](mailto:kmhaas@wakehealth.edu)).

Questions regarding the redcap application process should be directed to Natalie Barrett ([nbarrett@wakehealth.edu](mailto:nbarrett@wakehealth.edu)).