

RFA: Funding for Head and Neck Cancer SPORE Career Enhancement Program

The Colorado Head and Neck Cancer (HNC) SPORE will fund 1-3 applications for Career Enhancement Projects (CEP) in HNC Research. One application from UCDavis will be selected for funding through the UCDCCC matching fund.

Eligibility: junior faculty members at the UCCC and the UCDCCC or advanced post-doctoral/clinical fellows who provide a letter from an institution stating the candidate will be joining its faculty within the next year are eligible for this program. Eligible candidates have not had NIH R-level funding. Candidates should have a track or planned track of research in HNC defined as head and neck squamous cell cancers (of mucosal origin), thyroid cancer and salivary gland cancer.

Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply; we will specifically aim to fund at least one application from an underrepresented minority (including underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, and individuals living with disabilities) applicant.

The application will be a **maximum of three pages excluding cover page, biosketches (NIH commons form suggested but not required), budget, bibliography, and letters of support.**

Applications will consist of:

1. completed cover page (see attached);
2. applicant's rationale for the application;
3. applicant's research background;
4. aims of the career development plan;
5. significance, innovation, scientific rigor and research approach, and how it is translational;
6. how the project will enhance the applicant's career success and identification of peer-reviewed funding mechanism that support a larger scale project;
7. the applicant's commitment to a career in translational HNC research and the career path they foresee;
8. mentoring plan; mentor must be faculty at either UC AMC or UC Davis
9. proposed budget; \$50,000 for one year; funds should be used to support research activities, including partial salary support for the candidate, research personnel, and supplies (no travel);
10. biosketches of applicant and mentor(s) and
11. two letters of support, one from their division or department leader clearly stating the specific details of the commitment to the applicant.

Applications due 07/15/2026 by 5 pm.

Submit at: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/76a560fdbdc64022bbc85d850f4503dd>

Questions, please contact Pamela.Garl@cuanschutz.edu

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS PAGE AS THE COVER SHEET WITH YOUR APPLICATION

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Career Enhancement Program Application

APPLICANT:	POSITION/TITLE:
EMAIL:	eRA Commons ID:
ACADEMIC UNIT	DATE OF FACULTY APPOINTMENT:

Title of proposal:	
Mentor (include name, rank, and academic unit)	
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If applicable, all associated IRB / IACUC protocol numbers and most recent approval date. Please note who the PI of the protocol is.	
Current training environment; briefly describe critical facilities and resources	