

## Comparative Oncology Research Program (CORP) Companion Animals in Cancer Research

### Information

This RFP represents an opportunity for CU and CSU investigative teams to carry out collaborative research with a generalized theme of using resources provided by companion animals being treated for cancer at the Flint Animal Cancer Center. All areas of cancer research are eligible to apply with the lone criterion being the inclusion of companion animal resources as a significant component of the approach.

These awards are jointly funded by the University of Colorado Cancer Center (UCCC) and the Colorado State University Flint Animal Cancer Center (FACC).

**Eligibility:** Co-Principal Investigative Teams must include a CSU and a CU Investigator

**Amount:** **\$100,000** maximum request for 2-year basic sciences studies, **\$150,000** maximum request for 2-year (can be extended to 3 years) studies utilizing companion animal clinical patients

**Duration:** **2 Years** for Basic Studies; **2-3 Years** for Clinical Studies

### Important Dates

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| 12/05/2025 | RFA release   |
| 02/23/2026 | Proposal Due, annually every first Friday of October thereafter |
| 05/14/2026 | Study Section   |
| 06/01/2026 | Anticipated award start date                                    |

### Full Proposal Requirements

Applications must include all sections outlined below. Non-conforming proposals will not be reviewed. All narrative sections must maintain at least ½ inch margins; must be at least single-spaced; and must be in a font size not less than 11-point (Arial or Calibri)

#### Title Page and Abstract (1 Page)

- Title
- Co-PIs Names, Key Personnel, Institutions and email addresses
- Research Abstract

#### Specific Aims (1 page)

- Companion Animal Component
- Human Component

#### Research Plan (5 Pages)

- Significance
- Innovation
- Preliminary Data Supporting Application
- Approach
- Timeline - Use a GANTT chart or similar visual to outline the timeline for the major activities associated with your specific aims.

**Biographical Sketch:** Include an NIH-style biographical sketch for all essential and key personnel listed on the title page.

**Budget and Budget Justification (3 page maximum):** Provide a **single** comprehensive, categorical budget for the project including detailed budget justification for all costs. The budget request can be up to \$100,000 - \$150,000 (direct costs only). Faculty salary support *may* be allowed up to 5%, though must be clearly justified. No indirect costs will be funded. For budgets greater than \$75,000 and for clinical studies requesting 2 years of funding, a more detailed budget and budget justification is expected. *Applications proposing pilot studies that substantially duplicate efforts already supported through prior foundation or institutional pilot funding are not eligible for consideration under this RFA.*

**\*Human Subjects, Vertebrate Animals, Radiation Safety, and Biosafety:** As applicable to your proposed project, please have protocol numbers and most recent approval dates available at the time you submit your application.

## Application Process

**Application:** Use the link below to submit applications. Proposals are due by **11:59 pm 02/23/2026**. No late proposals will be accepted.

[CSU-CU Comparative Oncology Grant Application](#)

## Scientific Review

### Funding Priorities

- Studies that have the potential of impacting both human and animal cancer morbidity and mortality
- Studies that include a plan for potential multi-year grant application(s) based on the findings of the proposed studies
- Studies using multiple UCCC shared resources
- Studies including investigators spanning multiple UCCC programs

## Pre-Award Requirements

**Institutional Approvals:** Awardees must obtain research approval from appropriate institutional review bodies, such as COMIRB, IACUC, Biosafety, IBC, Children's Hospital Research Institute, CSU IRB, IACUC, CRB or any other regulatory group relevant to their project. **FUNDS CANNOT BE RELEASED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED APPROVALS ARE OBTAINED.** It is the investigator's responsibility to provide all required approval memos to the UCCC Administrative Office to secure release of award funding. **Investigators who fail to obtain all regulatory approvals within three (3) months of the intended start date of the award will forfeit their award.**

## Post-Award Requirements

Awards are issued for a 24-36 month period with funds available on the first working day in June/January following award notification and submission of any required regulatory approvals. Please note the limitation above regarding failure to obtain regulatory approvals within 3 months of the intended start date.

Projects are expected to be completed within the proposal timeline. No Cost Extensions (NCE) *may* be granted for *extraordinary* circumstances and only with evidence of significant progress. Please contact Cancer Center Administration at [CC\\_FundingOps@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:CC_FundingOps@cuanschutz.edu) if you have questions.

An initial summary of progress and the impact of the funding will be required within one month after the ***original*** end date of the award, regardless of any extensions granted. Subsequent information on publications, the success of your national grant submission, subsequent grants, and any other research resources resulting from the pilot funding will be solicited for up to 3 years following the completion of your pilot grant.

### **Publications**

Any publication resulting from the pilot grant should include the following acknowledgement of support: “Supported by the Comparative Oncology Research Program with funds made available by the University of Colorado Cancer Center and Colorado State University’s Flint Animal Cancer Center.” Publications that utilize any of the UCCC Shared Resources must acknowledge the specific Shared Resource, reference support by grant P30CA046934 and be submitted to PubMed Central.