

The University of Michigan O'Brien Center for Urology Research Competitive Renewal

Call for Proposal Applications 2008
Deadline: January 15, 2008.

The University of Michigan O'Brien Center for Urology Research invites applications requesting support for pilot and feasibility projects focused on the basic, translational and clinical investigation of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).

The University of Michigan O'Brien Center is funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) as a specialized center grant (P50) that promotes interdisciplinary and translational research in benign Urologic Disease. The governing steering committee of the O'Brien Center is preparing a competitive renewal application that will be submitted in March 2008, with funding expected in September 2008. **With this announcement, we are seeking pilot and feasibility research projects to be included in the application.**

If the O'Brien Center is funded, each pilot and feasibility project can expect to receive approximately \$60,000 each for a one year period.

Eligible applicants to the Program are defined as:

- ❖ New investigators without current or past NIH support as a principal investigator;
- ❖ Established investigators with limited previous research in the area of benign proliferative disease of the prostate;
- ❖ Established investigators in the field of Urologic research who wish to pursue new areas of research relevant to BPH.

Eligibility criteria for proposed projects include:

- ❖ focus on any aspect of BPH, including factors that promote the development of BPH or may lead to therapeutic approaches efficacious for the treatment of BPH
- ❖ explore new basic areas that may have clinical research application relevant to BPH;
- ❖ lead to new and innovative approaches to study BPH;
- ❖ suitability for future competitive investigator-initiated RO1 research grant applications
- ❖ suitability for multidisciplinary approaches.

Each proposal must be no more than 8 pages in length and should follow an abbreviated NIH format (Statement of Hypothesis and Specific Aims, Background, Preliminary Data, Research Design and Methods). Additional pages required include standard NIH Face Page, Budget, Budget Justification, Key Personnel Biosketches and Other Support. **Studies using Human Subjects must supply supporting documents for pending or completed IRB approval at the time of pre-proposal submission.**

Upon receipt, each application will receive an initial review that will be completed by February 15, 2008, with notification of review outcome shortly thereafter.

Please submit applications electronically by January 15, 2008, to:

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