**PROJECTS IN ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY**

**Application Guidelines and Review Policy**

**Mission**

To provide faculty in Anatomic Pathology with support for high-quality research projects.

Projects will be funded to a maximum cost of $20,000 per project with total program costs of no

more than $150,000 annually. Projects will be assessed and prioritized using the following

criteria:

1. aligned with institutional, departmental and division priorities

2. potential to expand research opportunities

3. likelihood to yield peer-reviewed publication(s)

4. opportunity to increase collaboration within or across divisions

5. opportunity to engage pathology trainees

6. likelihood to yield extramural grant support (if appropriate to project)

Applications not initially approved for funding can be revised and resubmitted for consideration.

**Application Format**

Project proposals should be brief (≤ 3 pages including budget, 1 inch margins, ≥ 12 point font) and should include

the following sections:

• Background and Significance

• Specific Aims

• Preliminary Data – if appropriate

• Research Design and Methods

• Discussion – including a succinct discussion of expected outcomes, potential pitfalls,

alternative approaches and benefit to the investigator(s)

• Relevant references – if appropriate

• Budget - justify all anticipated expenditures. Salary support for laboratory personnel and

equipment purchases are not allowed

**Review Process**

Project proposals will be submitted and reviewed on a rolling basis by a committee comprised of Anatomic Pathology faculty with diverse interests (C. Kleer, A. Aleodor, E. Farkash, A. Heider, R. Mehra). If applications exceed available funding, then applications will be scored by all committee members on a 1-5 scale (best to worst) and prioritized based on score. Approved projects will receive funding effective the 1st day of the first month following approval.

For each funded project, a brief summary of progress after one year and all project-related abstracts

and publications should be reported to the committee. Applications and related correspondence should be sent as electronic files to Celina Kleer, M.D. at: [kleer@med.umich.edu](mailto:kleer@med.umich.edu)

**Tips for Successful Proposals**

* Keep the background short and to the point
* Is the study statistically powered to address the hypothesis?
* State your goals – is this project intended for USCAP abstract submission, standalone manuscript, preliminary data for a grant, etc?
* The budget should be detailed. Get quotes for reagents/kits.

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