

## **PROJECTS IN ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY**

### **Application Guidelines and Review Policy**

#### **Mission**

To provide faculty and trainees in Anatomic Pathology with support for high-quality research projects. Residents and fellows may apply but must identify a faculty sponsor who will oversee the project and project-related expenditures. Projects will be funded to a maximum cost of \$30,000 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 ( $\leq 3$  pages, 1 inch margins,  $\geq 12$  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. Limited salary support for temporary laboratory personnel (*e.g.* part-time undergraduate, medical students, part-time technical support from Molecular Pathology Research Laboratory staff.) and small (\$6,000 maximum) equipment purchases directly related to and necessary for the proposed project may be included.

#### **Review Process**

Project proposals can be submitted at any time and will be reviewed by a committee comprised of Anatomic Pathology faculty with diverse interests (K. Cho, D. Fullen, T. Giordano, J. Greenson, A. Lieberman, D. Lucas). Applications will be reviewed by all committee members and prioritized based on score. Administrative staff will set up accounts for approved projects, to be overseen by the faculty member (not fellow or resident) responsible for the project. 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. Requests for extension of funding beyond the first 12 months following project approval must be justified in the annual summary and will require committee approval.

Applications and related correspondence should be sent as electronic files to Kathleen Cho, M.D. at: [kathcho@umich.edu](mailto:kathcho@umich.edu)