



AURIC Major Grant Program Announcement

Goal: The goal of the AURIC Major Grant Program (MGP) is to encourage development of strong interdisciplinary teams focused on cancer research by funding proposals at a level that will enable immediate competitiveness for extramural support via an NIH R01 or equivalent mechanism.

Mechanism: AURIC MGP awards will be made for 2 years at up to \$100,000 per year (total award of up to \$200,000). All costs allowed by NIH or NSF will be allowed by the AURIC MGP, with the exception of indirect costs. Continuation of funding through the entire award period will be contingent upon performance. Project leaders are expected to have an existing track record of extramural success. Progress will be reviewed every 6 months by an interdisciplinary committee appointed by the AURIC board. Additionally, funded teams are required to present their progress at annually in a research forum environment. Funded teams will be expected to prepare and submit a proposal to an extramural funding agency with the goal of leveraging AURIC resources in support of the programmatic mission. Proposals developed based on AURIC MGP funding will be submitted for internal pre-review prior to submission to the extramural funding agency.

Application Process: The three-step AURIC MGP application process will include:

- 1) A meeting of interested parties to discuss potential applications and development of interdisciplinary teams.

This meeting will occur on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 3:00 pm in room 247/251, Overton Education Wing, College of Veterinary Medicine. Attendance is strongly encouraged. Remote participation (call in, Skype, etc...) is possible. Attendees who are considering a submission are encouraged to have a 5-minute presentation prepared regarding their ideas for proposals to be submitted. Individuals who are interested in participating, but may not want to be project leaders are strongly encouraged to attend as well. The goal of this meeting is the assembly of strong project teams who will then submit proposals while reducing overlap and repetition between proposals.

- 2) Submission of a (5 page) pre-proposal that describes long-term goals, specific aims, hypotheses underlying proposed research, research approach, implications, personnel and budget (format to be defined). Deadline for submission will be April 29, 2016. Submission of a pre-proposal is mandatory for final proposal submission.
- 3) Preparation and submission of a full proposal to the AURIC MGP based on NIH R01 guidelines. Deadline for full proposal submission will be May 31, 2016

Review Process: The review process will duplicate that of an extramural review. At least three reviewers with previous extramural grant review experience will be asked to review each proposal for *Overall Impact, Significance, Investigator(s), Innovation, Approach and Environment*. In addition, proposals will be evaluated for relevance to the AURIC mission (please visit <http://auriconline.org> for details) and a detailed plan for the pursuit of extramural funding. Review panel members may be internal or external to Auburn as necessary. Applicants may be asked to resubmit revised proposals for further review before awards are made.