Funding Opportunity Announcement
Under Armour Women’s Health & Breast Cancer Innovation Grant
September 2017

The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center (SKCCC) at Johns Hopkins and Under Armour are pleased to announce a continuation of the funding opportunity for Innovation Grants. Under Armour has gifted $1 million to the Johns Hopkins Breast Cancer Program for applications seeking seed funding that explore dynamic and innovative ways to help empower patients in their care, seek new and novel approaches to determine risk, or provide prevention and treatment strategies, patient engagement & empowerment and overall well-being. Applications can be in any area of research or patient care but should follow the mission of unique, innovative ideas that will lead to a change in the paradigm of women’s health as related to breast cancer. A total of 10 grants will be awarded at $100,000 each (direct costs only). Two grants were awarded during the first cycle (December 1, 2015), 3 in the second cycle (June 1, 2016), 2 in the third cycle (December 1, 2016).

Under Armour’s mission is “To Make All Athletes Better through passion, design and the relentless pursuit of innovation.” Building upon this mission, faculty leveraging collaborations that consider efforts utilizing new and novel technologies are encouraged, as well as projects that allow the gathering of preliminary data to support innovative ideas with potential to shift paradigms in breast cancer and women’s health as related to breast cancer. Applications which have entrepreneurial potential are particularly encouraged.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. All tenure track JHU faculty members are eligible to apply.
2. All research and or training support must be associated with the advancement of or innovation toward breast cancer and/or women’s health as related to breast cancer.
3. Proposals are encouraged to include multidisciplinary collaboration involving two or more academic divisions partnering together on research opportunities.
4. Proposals should encompass efforts to be complete in a period no greater than 12 months.
5. Translational impact for patient care is a requirement for applications. Faculty are encouraged to discuss with clinical oncology faculty the merits of their application for this criterion. Help in identifying individuals to discuss translational impact will be available upon request.

Review Committee: A review committee will be convened to review grant requests. The committee will be led by senior faculty and staff members at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.
Fourth Round Awards - Timeline:
- Notification of Grant Opportunity: 06/02/17
- Receipt of Application: 09/01/2017
- Review of Awards: Mid-September 2016
- Notification of Awards: Week of September, 2017
- Funding Available: 10/1/2017

Funds Usage:
- Funds may be used only to support research costs. Funds cannot be used for salary support and/or equipment.

Deliverable Requirement:
- Research findings of awardees to be presented at a scientific retreat of all investigators and key personnel at JH and Under Armour.
- A short final progress report with financial report at the end of the funding period.

Submission Requirements:
- Title page to include:
  - Title of proposed research
  - Principal investigator information: name, academic rank, department, office address, phone number, email address
  - Co-PIs and other Key personnel (Co-investigators, collaborators, etc.)
  - Other Faculty information as requested
- Submissions should include the following sections:
  - Lay Summary
  - Specific aims
  - Innovation
  - Significance
  - Background
  - Experimental Design
  - Long term goal and timeline
  - References
• Format: 3-page limit (not including title page or references), single-space, 1 inch margins, 11 point, Arial font. Use attached Word doc. as a template. Please send submission as one PDF.
• Please attach NIH biosketch (5 page max, each) for the PI and key investigators.
• Proposals (PDF) should be sent to Kristen Wagner-Smith via email kwagner4@jhmi.edu by 5pm on September 1, 2017