

# **UNDERFUNDED CLINICAL TRIAL AWARD**

## **July 2025**

### **Description**

The Underfunded Clinical Trial Award will work to address potential budget gaps up to \$5,000 per eligible study for research requiring the support of the UVM Cancer Center (UVMCC) Clinical Trials Office (CTO). The UVMCC will support this initiative annually with \$50,000 in distributions to awardees who apply and meet the eligibility criteria. The goal of this program is to increase the portfolio of cancer-focused clinical trials offered by the UVMCC thereby addressing the needs of our patient population and addressing the challenges in our catchment area.

### **Who is eligible?**

- PI is a Cancer Center member
- Proposed trial has been approved by the TDT and PRMC)
- Budget meeting between the PI and the CTO has been completed
- Other funding sources have been pursued and, if available, will be used as the priority funding source before this award is accessed
- Priority score of the application form exceeds the threshold of 5 (i.e. 6 or greater)

### **How do I apply?**

- Return the application form (attached) to Dr. Steven Ades at [Steven.ades@med.uvm.edu](mailto:Steven.ades@med.uvm.edu)

### **How do I utilize these funds?**

- You will receive information as to how to access these funds
- Funds may be utilized after other funding sources have been fully expended
- Funds may be utilized in accordance with the approved budget

Address questions to Steven Ades, UVMCC CTO Medical Director, at [Steven.Ades@med.umv.edu](mailto:Steven.Ades@med.umv.edu)

### **Tip: What is cancer-focused or cancer-relevant clinical research?**

- Clinical or translational research focused on cancer patients, their families or how care is delivered to them
- Clinical trials for cancer patients
- Cancer prevention and screening research

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## Application Form

Provide a brief lay summary (500 words or less) to be submitted with the protocol

### Priority Score Checklist

1. Are there competing trials

- ☐ 2 or more = 0 points
- ☐ 1 trial = 1 point
- ☐ None = 2 points

If Yes, please provide names of competing trials, and how this will impact the accrual plan.

2. Accrual Expectations

- ☐ 0-5 = 0 points
- ☐ >5 = 1 point

3. Academic Credit (check any)

- ☐ High likelihood of authorship = 1 point
- ☐ Builds on UVMCC translational work = 3 points

4. Has partial departmental funding commitment

- ☐ Yes = 1 point
- ☐ No = 0 points

5. Strategic Goals (check any)

- ☐ Will provide pilot data for future grants (need detail on intended grant) = 1 point
- ☐ Treatment trial = 2 points
- ☐ High impact on catchment area (If checked, please describe below how this project will impact our catchment area (e.g., serves our rural population; treatment for disease with disproportionate levels in VT (e.g., melanoma); involves collaboration with network partners) = 2 points

Describe future grant detail, if relevant (250 words or less):

Describe rationale behind high impact, if relevant (250 words or less):

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Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Possible Score = 13

Lowest possible score = 0

Threshold for consideration = 6 or greater

This application = XX points

### UVMCC Catchment Area

