**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

The Cancer Research Initiative wishes to incentivize interdisciplinary research by offering seed funding for pilot collaborative interdisciplinary cancer research projects. The funding is designed to enable groups of researchers from different scientific domains (basic, clinical and public health sciences) to work together and obtain preliminary data needed for larger competitive interdisciplinary cancer research grant submissions.

Awards will be made to 3 new cancer research projects to a maximum of R50 000 per project. Ideally we wish to fund one research team with a basic scientist as a principal investigator, a second with a clinical scientist as the principal investigator and a third with a public health scientist as the principal investigator. It is acceptable for an individual researcher to be on more than one project submission.

This call is not aimed at rewarding collaborative research that is already being conducted. However researchers could expand on existing cancer research projects and include a researcher/s from other scientific domains to address a new research question.

**Award type:** Funds may be targeted as needed in order to conduct the project

**Duration:** As needed to conduct the project

**Value:** Three awards of R50 000 each

**Eligibility**

* To be eligible for the funding, project teams will need to include researchers from two or more scientific domains (basic, clinical or public health science).
* Any group of staff members in the Faculty of Health Sciences may apply. T1 and T2 staff are eligible, however the duration of the proposed project should fall within the duration of the contract.

**submission**

* Short proposal of 3 to 4 pages
	+ Please include: Title, Aims and objectives, Description of project, Project team members, including the scientific domain and role of each team member, Summary of plans to use research results for larger grant submissions, Timeline and Estimated budget
	+ Font: Arial size 11 or Times New Roman size 12
* Emphasis must be given to how the project will be used for larger interdisciplinary grant submissions
* Full proposals will be requested from research projects that are shortlisted

Please email applications to Vedantha Singh at vedantha.singh@uct.ac.za by **20 June 2014**