



**James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program
Calls for Grant Applications
Questions and Answers**

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Questions are presented as received, with the exception that all identifying information has been removed.

1. Please explain what a plan for providing access to the funded infrastructure means.
Applicants should describe how they will share the infrastructure with Florida researchers. The expectation is that infrastructure improvements, where practical, will be made available to and used by researchers throughout the state.
2. “A scientific advisory process involving researchers from at least two of the major cancer centers in the state, and at least two regional cancer centers.”
Our project is not related to cancer, it is related to stroke. Does this requirement apply, and if not are there any alternate requirements?
For purposes of non-cancer related projects, the scientific advisory process must involve researchers from at least two academic medical centers that receive direct appropriations for biomedical research from the Legislature, and at least two hospitals considered regional cancer centers.
3. I have a grant proposal involving the investigation of exercise's impact on boys with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. I had been told that this idea may be appropriate for a mechanism through the Florida Dept. of Health, but I could only see grants being offered on your website regarding the use of/effects of tobacco. Is there a mechanism for which I could submit my study proposal that would be appropriate through the Florida Dept. of Health?
The James and Esther King Research Program's (Section 215.5602, *Florida Statutes*) purpose is to support research initiatives that address the health care problems of Floridians in the areas of tobacco-related cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and pulmonary disease. Researchers must justify how the research is related to a tobacco-related disease. For this solicitation, eligible organizations may submit an infrastructure application in one of the following six areas: tissue banking, bioinformatics, genomics, diagnostic imaging, health disparities, and quality indicator systems that support the program's purpose.
4. The application states that projects that address prostate cancer and breast cancer disparities in AA populations are welcomed. At the same time it states that showing tobacco relatedness is a must. Could you clarify this issue for us? Could we submit a proposal that addresses those cancer disparities in the AA population or do we have to add a tobacco related component? Would breast cancer or prostate cancer be considered tobacco related?

Research funded under the James and Esther King Tobacco Research Program must demonstrate tobacco-relatedness, regardless of the scientific area. For example, an application on cancer disparities in the African American population would need to justify tobacco-relatedness.

5. Can the infrastructure we develop be in partnership with an industrial partner, whose metric will be to disseminate our package throughout hospitals in Florida that want to participate in our screening database?
Projects must fit within one of the applicable types of infrastructure listed in the funding opportunity announcement.
6. On page 5, the first bullet mentions “A scientific advisory process involving researchers from at least two of the major cancer centers in the state, and at least two regional cancer centers.” Are the regional cancer centers defined specifically? Would the [NIH-designated comprehensive cancer center in another state] be considered “regional”?
A regional cancer center must be within the state of Florida.
7. On page 15, Table 2., section O Consultants:
Would members of an External Advisory Board be considered consultants for this project?
Yes.
8. Can an application cross-cut two of the priority interest areas, specifically imaging and bioinformatics, or whether the focus must be on just one of identified areas of research interest?
No.
9. In Eligible Applicants section, it reads as: An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Can an H1B visa holder apply for this (as PI)?
No. For this call, H1B visa holders are not eligible to serve as the principal investigator.
10. The recent funding opportunity and call for applications for the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program states that the award can be for \$1.6M for a period of up to 36 months but does not indicate how many of these awards are anticipated to be given. Can you let us know about how many of these awards are planned?
The Biomedical Research Advisory Council will make recommendations on the number of awards based on peer review scores.
11. I just want to make sure the competition for this year is only Tobacco Related Researchers?
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12. I am aware of your current announcement for proposals of large programmatic infrastructure as part of the James and Esther Biomedical Research Program, but I was wondering if you anticipate an upcoming opportunity to submit a revision of previous applications.

Pending Legislative appropriations, we anticipate we will issue two funding opportunity announcements for the Bankhead-Coley Program and two funding opportunity announcements for the King Program. We will be working with the Biomedical Research Advisory Council to finalize a schedule and funding mechanisms, and anticipate we will announce the schedule for the year in July 2014.