The Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center (HICCC) is seeking applications for an internal mentored research early career development award to support individuals proposing cancer research (basic, translational, clinical, or population science).

This funding opportunity is for MD or MD PhD senior fellows/instructors, or PhD senior postdoctoral fellows at Columbia University Irving Medical Center who are transitioning to a faculty position, and who will apply for career development grants from the NIH (e.g. K01,K08, K23, K99-R00), other governmental agencies, and/or from foundations and professional societies. Such individuals should be in the early stages of a research project, obtaining preliminary data in preparation for submission of a career award grant. Applicants may hold appointments in any department at Columbia University Irving Medical Center amongst the four health professional schools.

The HICCC will fund two awards through this opportunity. The award will provide a one-year grant of $75,000 to support salary and fringe benefits of the awardee. Indirects are not allowed. It is expected that the departments will provide additional funds to provide competitive salaries.

Applicants must have:

- An MD, MD PhD or PhD or equivalent degree(s)
- Mentor in the proposed research field with a history of NIH or other government funding
- Department commitment to a future tenure track position at Columbia University Irving Medical Center

To be considered, please apply here: [https://columbia.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1804618](https://columbia.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1804618) by February 3, 2020. All applicants will be notified in March, 2020 with activation of the funding expected in March/April 2020.

1. NIH biosketches of the applicant and mentor; applicants can have one co-mentor in the same or different department
2. Research summary (two pages) including title, background/significance, hypothesis, specific aims, preliminary data, conclusions and future directions. The summary should also indicate how the HICCC Shared Resources will be used. The application should also include references cited (not included in 2 page limit).
3. A brief description (1/2 page) of the applicant’s plan to apply for extramural career development grants
4. One-page letter of support from applicant’s chair or division chief and documentation of commitment to provide funds ($25,000) for supplies and/or personnel as well as department commitment to the applicant.
5. One-page letter of support from the applicant’s research mentor; the letter should include a brief mentorship plan and a plan for submission of a career development grant
An internal committee organized by the HICCC Senior Leadership Team will review and select the proposals. Projects will be evaluated for scientific merit, cancer focus, and potential for subsequent national funding.