

Dear Cancer Center members,

Last week, Bill Gimson, CPRIT Administrative Director, and Al Gillman, CPRIT Scientific Director, gave an update on CPRIT activities. Here are some highlights. The [full powerpoint presentation](#) is attached. You can also find it and earlier presentations on the [CPRIT website](#).

- Phil Sharp, (Nobel winner from MIT), will head up the grant review process.
- The first RFA will be released in August, due October 1 and awarded in Jan 2010.
- Several types of grants will be funded. These include high impact/high risk applications (few pages long, 1 year funding of \$100K for new high risk ideas similar to new idea grants from DOD), individual investigator, multiple investigator, intra- and inter-institutional, infrastructure (tumor banks, clinical trial consortiums, etc), recruitment packages (senior faculty who are stars is encouraged to bring expertise to Texas), and training grants.
- Other grant due dates will be Sept and Feb. The first RFA will be for high risk/high impact grants and individual project grants. The more complex multiple project or inter-institutional and training grants will be due in February giving these more complicated programs more time to be put together.
- Applications for new recruits can be submitted anytime. Need more information on this mechanism.
- Applications should identify how the research will have a direct translational outcome to eventually help patients and how the research could lead to new jobs or new biotech companies.
- To avoid overload, CPRIT leadership wants to estimate the amount and type of proposals it might receive from different state institutions. MD Anderson has already requested LOIs from faculty intending to submit an application. We need to be prepared to identify the number and types of grants that may come from the UTHSCSA. With this in mind, I would like to all those who are planning to submit an application to CPRIT to send me 1) name PI and other investigators, 2) other collaborating institutions, 3) a brief 2-3 sentence description. Please send to me, Amelie Ramirez ([ramirezag@uthscsa.edu](mailto:ramirezag@uthscsa.edu)) and Tyler Curiel ([curielt@uthscsa.edu](mailto:curielt@uthscsa.edu)) by July 20th.

Thank you,

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