

SYNERGISTIC IDEA AWARD

The chance to leverage the distinct expertise of two laboratories to produce new insights into breast cancer development and therapy.

The **Synergistic Idea Award** supports highly innovative, high-risk/high-reward, team-oriented research conducted by two independent faculty-level investigators who bring their unique expertise together to address a central problem in breast cancer research from a synergistic and complementary perspective. Multi-institutional and multidisciplinary proposals are encouraged but not required. Through this award, the collaborating investigators will work together to solve a critical problem, make important discoveries, or develop major advancements that will accelerate the eradication of breast cancer. Synergistic Idea Award proposals require the submission of a single proposal outlining either two separate but complementary and highly synergistic objectives, or a balanced and synergistic collaboration integrated into a single project. Proposals must clearly define the synergistic components that enable or greatly accelerate the testing of a single innovative hypothesis. Successful Synergistic Idea Award proposals create new paradigms and/or challenge existing dogma and must emphasize both innovation and sound scientific pursuits.

Synergistic Idea Awards are not intended to continue or advance existing research efforts. Because of the groundbreaking nature of Synergistic Idea Awards, proposals do not require preliminary or pilot data. Innovation and synergy are emphasized in both the peer and programmatic reviews of Synergistic Idea Award proposals.

For the Synergistic Idea Award, the two collaborating investigators are expected to be equal partners in the proposal and therefore resources should be equally divided unless otherwise justified. Synergistic Idea Awards provide up to \$500,000 in direct costs over the performance period. The performance period can be requested for up to 2 years. Indirect costs should be added, as appropriate.

Letter of Intent Is Due by:

January 23, 2007

This document is a synopsis of details specific to the Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP) Synergistic Idea Award. A detailed description of the mechanism with specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines is available in the FY06 BCRP Program Announcement.

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