

Thelma R. Swortzel Collaborative Research Award

The bequest of Thelma R. Swortzel was directed to provide support for innovative research collaborations in the areas of **ear, eye, heart, and/or cancer**. This announcement requests research proposals not to exceed \$50,000 in direct costs over a one-year period.

Deadline: TBA

Review and award: Proposals will be evaluated based on scientific merit, potential significance, and the experience of the investigators. The successful project will begin shortly after a final decision has been reached. A written final report must be submitted no later one month following the completion of the award year, describing study results and publications and grant proposals resulting from the award. The Thelma R. Swortzel Collaborative Research Award is meant to provide one-time seed funds for innovative projects, and will not provide on-going support.

Eligibility: Acceptable proposals must be for collaborative clinical or translational research projects involving two or more lead investigators in different departments (based on the investigators' primary appointments). The lead investigators must be full-time, tenure-track or tenured UVA faculty. While collaborations can be across schools within the University, one lead investigator must have a primary appointment at the School of Medicine. At least 50% of the award must be directed to activities within the SOM. Non-UVA collaborators are not permitted.

Submission: Submit proposal as a single PDF document to [Mary Peace McRae](#) in the SOM Office for Research no later than 5:00 PM on the above date. Use 11 pt Arial font with 1" margins. Proposal contents:

- Cover page, listing project title, names of the co-investigators, and amount requested.
- The technical proposal should include the standard components of an NIH research proposal. **This should not exceed five pages, including figures, tables, and references.**
- NIH biosketches for the lead investigators.
- Other support. Provide a list of current funding and pending proposals for lead investigators and co-investigators.
- Budget. No more than 40% of the total budget may support salary/fringe benefits of faculty, graduate students and research staff. General staff, administrative support, tuition costs, and F&A costs are not allowed. In general, the purchase of equipment is not allowed. If a portion of the budget will be used at another UVA school, clearly delineate funds for use at the SOM. **Use a PHS 398 form for the budget** (see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp4.pdf>).

Research involving human subjects, animals, recombinant DNA, or radiation must be approved by appropriate UVA committee(s) before the onset of the project.

Questions: Please direct any questions concerning this program to [Mary Peace McRae](#).