The 2018 TMU-CTSC Pilot Program – Pre-Proposal

This is a template for your pre-proposal. More information on each of the sections is described below, along with a suggestion for the length. Please replace the descriptive text included in this template with your own. The font cannot be smaller than 11 point and must be Arial. Line spacing is no less than single and margins no less than half an inch. This pre-proposal should not exceed 2 pages total. In addition, please submit a copy of the Principal Investigator’s NIH biosketch (only the lead, no co-PI biosketches will be accepted at this time). If you have any questions, please contact Anne DeChant at akd6@case.edu or 216-368-8867.

Team – Please describe who the team members are, their qualifications, what their roles will be, and especially how you can see a TMU collaborator integrating into the team. Please underline the names of the team members and include there email address in parenthesis (if known). Be sure to include any past translational/commercialization experience.

Scientific Question/Hypothesis of the study – This section should be about ¼ of a page and should describe the overall hypothesis and scientific question.

Rationale – This section should be about ¼ of a page and should succinctly describe your project and why someone would want to buy/use your technology. It may be helpful to think of this section as your “elevator pitch” for the technology.

Methods – This section should be about ¼ of a page and should describe the methods you specifically plan to use in this project to achieve your milestones. If that involves external work by CRO, collaborating lab, or core facility, please specify.

Innovation – This section should be about ¼ of a page and describe how your project is translational, what is taking it beyond basic research to the next level.

Feasibility – This section should be about ¼ of a page and describe the feasibility of your study. If there are potential roadblocks or concerns with accomplishing your milestones, please address them in this section.

Relevance and benefit to the TMU-CTSC partnership – This program is built on collaboration and connection with our partnership with Taipei Medical University. In this section, please use about ¼ of a page to describe how your project might benefit patients in Taiwan or who might be of particular interest to the CTSC.

Project Milestones – This should describe the project plan in about ½ page. For the scope of this project we suggest 2-3 milestones that can be achieved with the budget allowed (up to $50,000) and in the time frame selected (up to 1 year). Please include an estimate of how long each milestone will take, and why it is critical to the development of your technology

Milestone 1: Provide a template for the pre-proposal. A template (this template in fact) will be assembled and approved by the review committee. The template will be attached to the RFA and posted on our website for easy access. It is critical to provide this template to make this process as easy and as productive as possible for both proposers and reviewers. We expect this milestone will take less than one quarter.

Budget – This section should be about ¼ of a page and should describe your budget. Please justify the expenses and remember the limit of the request is $50,000.