

FY 2021 Head and Neck Cancer Program Grant Announcement & RFP

Background:

The Head and Neck Division of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology is interested in supporting a round of grants. The projects considered should be focused on ideas specific to Head and Neck cancer within the Penn Medicine system.

Proposals for up to \$150,000 will be accepted, and must be accompanied with an itemized proposed budget and 6, 12, and 18 month targets (deliverables). The proposals should focus on the theme of positioning the Head and Neck Cancer program at Penn Medicine for success in the future (5 years), be seen as a mechanism for career development, with preferred interest in the topics below:

- **Translational research**
- **Patient equity**
- **Innovations in care delivery**

We view this as one component of a larger vision to elevate and integrate the Head and Neck Cancer program at Penn Medicine. This process will link closely with departmental and entity stakeholders to help drive sustainable outcomes. We look forward to reviewing the applications, and to continuing the coordinated momentum for managing and curing Head and Neck Cancer across Penn Medicine in the coming months and years!

Review process and scoring criteria:

Proposals will be reviewed by the Head and Neck Grant Review Committee, and advised by a steering committee with representation from various Penn Medicine entities and departments. **Applications must be signed by your Chair or Chief prior to submission.** Proposals will be scored according to the following criteria:

- A. Success- likelihood of achieving stated goals
- B. Sustainability- likelihood that project benefits will be maintained after the project period
- C. Proposed return on investment that can support ongoing work in the years to come
- D. Applicability/scalability across Penn Medicine entities
- E. Grants with scope indicating multi-disciplinary and cross-entity collaboration will receive special consideration during the review process

Submission Deadline and Other Critical Dates:

January 2021: Call for submissions

March 14, 2021: Applications must be submitted before midnight

May 3, 2021: Grant winner(s) are selected/announced

July 1, 2021: Funding start date

Application Requirements:

Please complete the attached application and email to Melissa Murray (Melissa.Murray2@pennteam.upenn.edu), by March 14, 2021. Don't hesitate to direct any questions to Jason Newman (Jason.Newman@pennteam.upenn.edu) prior to application submission.