OVERVIEW
Siteman Cancer Center (SCC) at Washington University (WUSM) and Southern Illinois University Medicine (SIUM) are pleased to announce the 2018 Collaborative Cancer Disparities Research Program (CCDRP) call for proposals to support research projects representing collaborations between investigators from both institutions. At least one investigator from each of the participating sites must have a significant, defined role in the project (i.e. significant roles from people at both institutions). Previous collaboration is not a requirement.

These joint research projects must specifically address cancer disparities relevant to Central and Southern Illinois if the lead institution is SCC at Washington University. If the lead institution is SIU, then the project may address anything related to cancer.

We are looking for:
- Two (2) R01 level projects (up to $275,000* per year for up to 3 years)
- One (1) R21/R03 level projects (up to $120,000* per year for up to 3 years)

These projects will be submitted as part of a Comprehensive Partnership to Advance Cancer Health Equity (CPACHE) U54 grant application due January 2019.

*Costs are split between the institutions and these projects will only be funded if the U54 grant application is funded (funding decision expected May/June 2019, earliest start date July 2019).

ELIGIBILITY
Each application must include at least one SIU and at least one SCC investigator/mentor. SCC applicants must be Cancer Center members. Multiple Principal Investigator (M-PI) applications accepted but not required. PI must have a faculty appointment at one of the two institutions.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
1. Letter of Intent (LOI): Two (2) page limit. Each team planning to submit an application must submit an LOI including the 1) title, 2) investigator names/institution/expertise/contact info, 3) description of the project’s cancer disparity relevance, 4) very brief research plan outline, and 5) description of each investigator's role on the project and how work will be divided.

2. Specific Aims: One (1) page specific aims.

3. Biosketches: 5 page current NIH format. Include for lead SIU and SCC investigators.

DUE DATES:
LOI, Specific Aims and Biosketches: Jul 20, 2018
Notification of Selection: Aug 15, 2018
Full Application if invited to submit: Nov 2018

REVIEW:
LOIs will be reviewed by investigators from both institutions and evaluated on approach, innovation, significance and impact, potential for future funding, and relevance to cancer in Southern Illinois.

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Assistance is available for potential investigators to locate suitable co-investigator(s) at the partner institution. Investigators with a potential proposal who need assistance should contact:
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