

RESEARCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Thursday, May 13, 2021
4:00 to 5:00 pm
Zoom

Attendees: Elisa Bandera, Adam Berger, Willetta Boswell, Chang Chan, Sunita Chaudhary, Christian Hinrichs, Shridar Ganesan, Anita Kinney, Edmund Lattime, Gina Londino-Greenberg, Zhiyuan Shen, Ioannis Stasinopoulos, Eileen White, X.F. Steven Zheng

Agenda

1. September T32 Submission Planning (Chaudhary)
 - The recommendation was made for the next T32 grant application to be on Cancer Genomics and Genetics.
 - Dr. Chaudhary explained that Mona Singh was not seen as a good fit to mentor for the next T32 grant application due to her lack of post-doc training. It looked like she only had experience mentoring pre-docs.
 - o Dr. White advised that Dr. Singh should be contacted to clarify about her level of experience in post-doc training, as it seemed unlikely that Dr. Singh had never mentored any post-doc trainees.
 - Dr. Chaudhary stated that Cristina Montagna's information needed to be added to her records, and that Ben Raphael's funding did not count as R01-equivalents under the T32 application guidelines.
 - It was noted that Antonina Mitrofanova might be a possible mentor, though her funding would need to be reviewed to see if she had the necessary R01 equivalents.
 - o Dr. Chaudhary advised that the application cannot have too many junior faculty acting as mentors.
 - Andrey Grigoriev might be another member to include in the T32 application. However, his location at the Rutgers Camden campus could pose a challenge to presenting cohesiveness.
 - Stephen Burley might be another member for the T32 application, if his PDB funding will count as R01-equivalent for the T32 funding mechanism.
 - o One of his projects is a search engine that links genetic mutations to protein structures. He runs the IQB Boot Camps and many other training activities.
 - It was noted that the successful T32 application in Cancer Metabolism leveraged existing training activities, such as the Cancer Metabolism Working Group.
 - For the T32 application in Cancer Genomics and Genetics, the Fellows and Post-Docs being recruited via the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research-Princeton Branch could be leveraged, as some of them may be computational biologists.
2. Administration Updates (Londino-Greenberg)
 - It was decided that it was not necessary to give the RLC updates on new members. However, leadership should be kept apprised of member exits.
 - There was agreement that a process needs to be developed for remaining aware of members' exits and retirements.
 - It was noted that more frequent tracking of cancer relevant funding that is not peer reviewed would be useful (e.g., research agreements with industry); Center Administration

would work with the Finance teams of Rutgers University and Princeton University to obtain this information on a more regular basis.

- The question was raised of whether EVAL used ORCID as a means of pulling publications data.
- The recommendation was made that getting an ORCID should be part of the onboarding process for new resident faculty.
- The Membership application should also request the ORCID.
- G. Londino-Greenberg was advised to look into what policies Rutgers University had regarding ORCID accounts.
- There was agreement that publications should be collected and reviewed by Program Leaders for cancer relevance on a rolling basis (e.g., quarterly).
- It was noted that the Membership must be carefully reviewed in advance of the Year of Record, in which Members without active funding may need to be reclassified to Associate (i.e., Associate II) level status.
- Pilot awards and other developmental funds need to request a 6-month status report, which would relate primarily to preparations for the project (e.g., obtaining necessary approvals, the start of enrollment, etc.)
 - o Program Leaders and/or Associate Directors (i.e., the ones who released an RFA) should receive the status and progress reports for the projects supported through that RFA.

3. EAB Updates (Londino-Greenberg)

- G. Londino-Greenberg was advised to resend an email about setting up the virtual background to be used for the EAB meeting.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2021 (4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Zoom)