

## Johns Hopkins-Coulter Translational Partnership *Letter of Intent/Pre-Proposal Guidelines & Instructions*

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Thank you for considering applying for Coulter Bridge Funding for your translational research projects.

The Letter of Intent/Pre-Proposal is an informal process that involves the submission of a one-two page summary of your thoughts on a project that could benefit from Coulter bridge funding, followed by discussions with Program Management to refine it prior to submission and review by the Johns Hopkins-Coulter Oversight Committee.

Applicants submitting a Letter of Intent/Pre-Proposal for the Johns Hopkins-Coulter Translational Partnership bridge funding must forward their completed submission to Jeffrey Healy, Coulter Program Coordinator, via email attachment to [jhealy5@jhu.edu](mailto:jhealy5@jhu.edu). **Letters of Intent/Pre-Proposal submissions are due no later than 5pm EST on Monday, December 12, 2011.**

Each proposal must have two (2) Co-Principal Investigators, consisting of one full or joint faculty member within the Department of Biomedical and at least one clinical investigator from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine whose job responsibilities directly impact patient care or the management of patient care. The members of the team should be committed to the success of the project and be open to receiving mentorship and coaching.

The research must relate directly to applications in health care, and the objectives of the project should include an outcome that will benefit patients.

Evaluation of submissions will be on the basis of innovation and scientific merit, potential health care impact, technical feasibility, the potential for commercialization and the potential for obtaining future financial support.

Each Letter of Intent/Pre-Proposal must include/outline the following:

- **Project Name**
- **Principal Investigator Information**
  - **A BME Faculty:** Name, research focus, reference to most relevant publication to this proposal. If you are a clinician who has not yet identified a BME faculty, please let us know and we can help identify one or more in the department.
  - **A JHU Clinician:** Name, clinical area. If you are a BME faculty member and don't yet have a clinical partner on your project, we are happy to help you recruit one.
  - **Others:** No restrictions
- **Clinical or Healthcare Problem**
  - Please summarize/outline the Clinical or Healthcare problem you are addressing
- **Existing Landscape**
  - Please provide a brief landscape of solutions to this problem that exist today and what you see as a gap(s).
- **Your Solution**
  - If available, please attach a PDF of a publication that describes your technology or approach
  - Please mention status of IP on this idea. For example: recorded in notebook, disclosed to JHUTT, provisional patents files (by whom?), full patents filed, etc...
- **Potential Interested Parties**
  - If you are familiar with products in this field, please mention some companies you know of that sell products similar in clinical application to your project or may for some reason be interested in it.