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To: North Carolina Research Campus (NCRC) Colleagues
From: The MURDOCK Study Leadership Team
Subject: New Duke-MURDOCK Study funding opportunity for NCRC collaborators
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The Duke-MURDOCK Study is committed to promoting research collaboration across the NCRC. To that end, today we announce the **MURDOCK-NCRC Seed Funding Voucher Program**, a new opportunity for NCRC partners and colleagues intended to provide access to the services, capabilities and tools of the David H. Murdock Research Institute (DHMRI). The Program seeks applications to support innovative research that advances the mission of the NCRC to improve human health, nutrition, and agriculture.

Awarded vouchers of up to \$10,000 will enable applicants to access services of the DHMRI. With appropriate IRB approvals, the MURDOCK Study will also contribute up to \$2,000 in the form of annotated biological specimens and associated clinical data from the MURDOCK Study population to awarded projects.

Interested NCRC investigators are invited to submit a brief application to the MURDOCK/NCRC Steering Committee. Applications must include the following components:

- Specific use of the capabilities available at the DHMRI (<http://dhmri.org>)
- Relevance to the NCRC mission
- A brief justification and corresponding budget for the funding request
- A Statement of Work and Quote from the DHMRI stating that the proposed work and project costs are approved
- OPTIONAL - An opportunity to access MURDOCK Study samples and/or associated clinical data for use in analyses conducted at the DHMRI

Application Requirements: Complete applications should include a 500-word proposal describing the research question to be investigated, rationale, proposed plan, and justification for amount requested. Applications are limited to one per investigator per year.

Allowable Budget Items: (All funds will be directed for work in the DHMRI and not the investigator's home institution and/or laboratory)

- Costs for reagents
- Instrumentation costs
- Other analysis costs

Non-allowable Budget Items:

- Salary support
- Laboratory work that is not conducted at the DHMRI

Up to 10 Vouchers will be awarded in 2015-2016. Applications will be accepted until **April 30, 2016**. A Steering Committee with representatives from the UNC System, DHMRI, Dole Foods, and Duke-MURDOCK Study will review applications on a rolling basis at least once per quarter or when (3) or more applications have been received, ensuring that all applications will be reviewed within two months of submission. Applicants will be notified by email of funding decisions but will not otherwise receive feedback from the evaluation process. Awardees will be required to submit a project-end progress report.

Under the agreement of receiving this funding,

1. Awardees are expected to contribute ***all*** clinical, molecular, and imaging data generated from the study to the MURDOCK Integrated Data Repository (MIDR). Data are expected to be contributed to MIDR as soon as is practical, but no later than nine months after collection or creation is complete. Awardees will be prompted by the MURDOCK Study team with a reminder to contribute your data.
2. The MURDOCK Publications Committee (a subset of MURDOCK Leadership members and other Duke faculty) requires that any manuscripts that result from the use of MURDOCK Study samples and/or associated clinical data will be reviewed prior to submission.

To learn more about the MURDOCK Study and annotated biospecimens that are available for inclusion in a proposal, visit the [MURDOCK Study website](#).

To begin an online application, [click here to get started](#).

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About the Duke-MURDOCK Study: Duke University launched the MURDOCK Study in Kannapolis in 2007-2008 with a \$35 million gift from David H. Murdock, founder and developer of the North Carolina Research Campus. Today, the MURDOCK Study is building a community-based registry of participants with banked biospecimens and clinical data to redefine how diseases are classified, diagnosed, and treated. The study's name stands for Measurement to Understand the Reclassification of Disease Of Cabarrus/Kannapolis.

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