TO: Core Directors  
Department Chairs and Center Directors

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RE: Core Facilities Funding Requests

The UNC Core Facilities Advocacy Committee [CFAC] is soliciting proposals from across campus for funding for biomedical core facilities. This RFA is open to strategic requests for equipment or method/technology development.

Requests will be considered that add new instrumentation or technology/services that support strategic goals. Examples of strategic requests are:

- Does the request add new/unique technology or workflow?
- Does the request develop a multi-core pipeline?
- Would this new equipment or method be on the leading/cutting edge of your field?
- Does this request pilot a new method that is currently unfunded?
- Does this request further strategic objectives for your core or multi-core pipeline?

To be considered, requests for funding must satisfy at least one of the above examples. All funded equipment must be housed in an open UNC core facility available to all UNC investigators. If you have questions about strategic qualifications, please contact: corefacilities@med.unc.edu

Method development funding requests must be submitted by a core facility but are recommended to include input from an investigator interested in collaborating with the core.

CFAC does not routinely provide grants over $50,000, but well-justified requests will be considered. For large equipment purchases, other options may be available such as NCBC Institutional Development Grants and the NIH S10 Shared Instrumentation Grant (SIG).

All funding requests must be submitted by Monday, January 17th, 2022, using one of the following online submission forms:
- Equipment Request: https://www.med.unc.edu/corefacilities/cfac-equipment-request/

Word templates are provided only for planning/initial drafting; submissions must be made online.

If submitting more than one request, please prioritize your requests.

Note: CFAC funds do not typically carry forward; any awarded amounts must be used in the current fiscal year ending June 30th, 2022.

For your request to be considered, a current Annual Planning Survey must be on file with the Office of Research Technologies; direct any questions about this to: corefacilities@med.unc.edu

To assist CFAC members with funding decisions for qualifying applications, proposal submitters may be asked to present a brief overview and justification to the committee (no more than 5 slides followed by Q&A).