The UAB Hepato/Renal Fibrocystic Disease Core Center (UAB HRFDCC; P30 DK074038) invites Pilot and Feasibility (P&F) proposals related to basic and translational research in Hepato/Renal Fibrocystic Diseases (HRFDs).

**GOAL OF THE PROGRAM:** The Center’s P&F Program provides support to eligible investigators with the goal of generating preliminary data needed for subsequent funding through traditional mechanisms (e.g., NIH R01).

**ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:**

Investigators eligible for NIH funding (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grant_basics.htm) with a faculty appointment before July 1, 2018 who fall into one of two categories:

1. New independent investigators without current or past NIH research support (R mechanism), who have an interest in establishing a career in HRFD-related research.

2. Established investigators who want to explore a novel idea related to HRFD that represents a clear departure from the investigator’s ongoing research efforts. Investigators currently funded in the area of HRFD research (e.g., hepato/renal ciliopathies such as polycystic kidney disease) are not eligible.

Successful applicants will commit to pursuing extramural funding within 2 years of completing the P&F project. Awardees agree to acknowledge the UAB Hepato/Renal Fibrocystic Disease Core Center (P30 DK074038) in presentations and in publications resulting from the Center’s support.

**TERMS OF SUPPORT**

Successful proposals will be supported for one year ($40,000/year not including indirect costs) with a second year of support considered upon competitive review of the previous year’s progress report.

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND REVIEW CRITERIA**

1. The P&F preproposal is due December 15, 2017 and is limited to two-pages consisting of the following sections: i) overall objectives, ii) specific aims, iii) significance to Hepatorenal Fibrocystic Diseases (HRFD), iv) brief description of the research plan and approaches, vi) anticipated Center core usage, and vii) plan for follow-up funding. Also include an eligibility statement, proposed budget, references, and a 4-page NIH-style biosketch (not part of the 2-page limitation).

2. Finalists will be invited by January 12, 2018 to submit a full proposal due February 23, 2018. This consists of the following: i) Cover Page with signatures, ii) Abstract (up to 250 words), iii) Specific Aims (1 page limit), iv) one-year detailed Budget, v) Budget Justification (1 page limit), and vi) Research Plan (5 page limit) describing background and significance of the study to HRFDs, preliminary data, methodology highlighting proposed core usage, and a plan to address issues of rigor, reproducibility and authentication of reagents. References are not included in the page limitation.

3. Awardees will be announced on May 1, 2018 with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2018. All applications that are not selected for funding will be considered for the UAB HRFDCC Voucher program for resource development through the Center’s Associated Cores. See the Center’s web page for details.

4. Both the preproposal and full proposal must conform to NIH-style guidelines, and be submitted as a single PDF e-mail attachment to PKDCenter@uab.edu

Please contact the Center Director (Dr. Brad Yoder, byoder@uab.edu) or Pilot and Feasibility Directors (Drs. Josh Lipschutz, lipschut@musc.edu or Mark Bevensee, bevensee@uab.edu) to discuss questions regarding the Center’s P&F program.