A generous donation to the Lurie Cancer Center from the IDP Foundation, including a generous supplementary donation from the Sherman Fairchild Foundation, will fund Research Innovation Challenge Awards in 2017. These IDP Foundation Innovation Challenge Awards will support innovative, team-driven, cancer research projects that are translational in nature, cross-disciplinary, and collaborative in design and conduct. It is anticipated that these awards will support projects that could evolve to SPORE or PO1 applications and, in some cases, to large multi-PI R01s. Awards will be made at 50K to 200K for one year, depending on the scope of the project and the potential for external funding. The awards may be renewable for a second year. The purpose of the Innovation Challenge Awards is to allow researchers to collect the preliminary data needed to apply for large collaborative NIH grants.

The applicant team must include at least two members (preferably 3-4) of the Lurie Cancer Center and/or other Northwestern faculty. One applicant should be designated as the contact PI. The proposal should include a one page maximum abstracts/descriptions for each project and an overview (2 pages maximum) for the overall project describing how projects will be integrated and will interact and their synergistic potential. The application should also include a budget, budget justification, and biosketches of all key personnel. All applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of senior leaders in the Lurie Cancer Center.

Applications should be submitted electronically to Benette Phillips, PhD, by **Wednesday, May 24**.

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