

# ACADEMIC CONNECTIONS

THOUGHTS AND UPDATES FROM DR. W. P. ANDREW LEE

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Dear Colleagues,

In an effort to stimulate team science, I am pleased to announce the Collaborative Research Grant Incentive (CRGI), effective Sept. 1.

Given the collaborative and multidisciplinary culture at UT Southwestern, we have a unique ability to compete for program projects, Center grants, or other cooperative research agreements. The CRGI will provide incentive payments to UT Southwestern faculty members who are the overall PIs, co-PIs/MPIs, or Project Leaders of NIH program projects (P), cooperative research agreements (U), or collaborative program grants for multidisciplinary teams (RM).

## Eligibility Criteria

- Minimum four-year term and \$2 million total direct-cost budget at UTSW
- Annual average total direct costs of at least \$500,000 per year, not including funds to be expended outside of UTSW under subcontract
- Indirect costs convey the full institutional indirect rate to UTSW
- At least 50% of recipients' research effort must be sourced to extramural grants or contracts, including the current grant
- Awards are expected to have:
  - Multiple PIs, including at least one additional PI, co-PI/MPI, or Project Leader
  - Multiple projects and/or cores

## Eligible Awards

- Contact PI – Three (3) tier payment options, dependent on total direct costs awarded:
  - Tier 1 – For awards of \$2 million to \$4,999,999: \$15,000 per eligible award
  - Tier 2 – For awards of \$5 million to \$9,999,999: \$30,000 per eligible award
  - Tier 3 – For awards of \$10 million or more: \$40,000 per eligible award
- Co-PIs / MPIs / Project Leaders – Three (3) tier payment options, dependent on total direct costs awarded:
  - Tier 1 – For awards of \$2 million to \$4,999,999: \$5,000 per eligible award
  - Tier 2 – For awards of \$5 million to \$9,999,999: \$10,000 per eligible award
  - Tier 3 – For awards of \$10 million or more: \$10,000 per eligible award
- Additional eligibility criteria related to subcontracts or grant transfers [available online](#).

Each quarter, the Office of the Provost will automatically review faculty awards to determine which are eligible for the CRGI. Each eligible award will receive only one CRGI over the award duration.

Payment options include direct personal compensation for the investigator subject to applicable taxes, or transfer of the full amount to the investigator as academic or laboratory development funds.

In addition to the existing Special Grant Incentive (SGI) program for investigators who obtain multiple federally funded research grants, I hope the new CRGI program will encourage faculty members to further pursue the collaborative research opportunities to advance team science that will benefit the entire UT Southwestern research community and ultimately our patients.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D.

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