

## Targeted RFA for Cancer Survivorship Research

This request for applications welcomes submissions that encompass one of the many facets of cancer survivorship research, encourages interdisciplinary collaboration, and demonstrates the potential for expansion in the future. Of special interest are applications that consider equity in survivorship and survivorship care, and those that have a focus on research conducted in the state of North Carolina.

According to NCI Office of Cancer Survivorship, “Cancer survivorship research seeks to improve the health and well-being of cancer survivors and caregivers providing care to survivors. It aims to improve understanding of the sequelae of cancer and its treatment and to identify methods to prevent and mitigate adverse outcomes, including functional, physical, psychosocial, and economic effects (Figure 1). This research also includes and informs the design, delivery, and implementation of evidence-based strategies and the coordination of healthcare services to optimize survivors’ health and quality of life from the time of diagnosis through the remainder of the survivor’s life. Any cancer survivorship research should clearly identify the type of survivor being studied (e.g. age, type and stage of cancer, time since diagnosis) and the outcomes of the research (e.g. function, quality of life, health care utilization, costs, survival).”

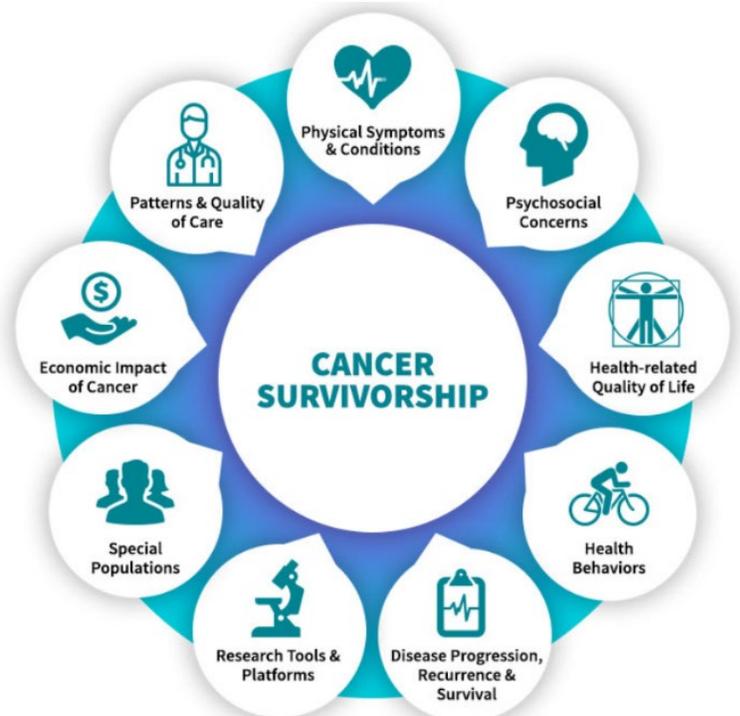


Figure 1: Cancer Survivorship Research Areas

Proposals considered for funding must:

- Contain a survivorship-related focus
- Support the submission, expansion, or continuation of external grant applications
- Demonstrate inter-disciplinary collaboration at UNC or across North Carolina universities or cancer centers/programs
- Have a timeframe for completion within 1 or 2 years depending on award type

Proposals may be submitted either as a Pilot Study, which will grant up to \$50,000 for one year or as a Stimulus Award, which will grant up to \$100,000 per year for up to two years. These funds may be used to ‘top-up’ or provide supplemental funds to existing funding sources. Faculty with start-up funding are encouraged to consider matching funds provided by this mechanism to enable completion of projects with a larger scope. Applicants with in-kind external funding from other sources for whom this award may enable supplemental activities are encouraged to apply.