

INSTITUTE FOR CANCER GENETICS

PILOT PROJECT SOLICITATION

TO: Cancer Researchers, Columbia University

FROM: Riccardo Dalla-Favera, MD

DATE: May 16, 2008

RE: Stewart Trust Awards for Pilot Projects in Cancer Research

The Alexander and Margaret Stewart Trust supports pilot projects related to cancer research at several major Universities. The goal of the Trust is to fund the initial stages of projects of unusual potential and originality in order to facilitate their development toward second-phase NIH or other peer-reviewed funded cancer research projects.

Three or four competitive awards will be given at Columbia. Guidelines for applications are as follows:

- **Eligible applicants:** Faculty members with established laboratories.
- **Subject of pilot projects:** Novel, unfunded projects in cancer biology, pathogenesis or diagnosis, or novel therapeutic approaches to cancer. Priority will be given to scientific merit, cancer focus, potential for future NIH funding and to young investigators.
- **Awards:** \$35,000-\$50,000 grants to support personnel (excluding P.I.) salaries and supplies.
- **Application format:** i) research proposal (Background and Rationale, Specific Aims, Experimental Plan) (3-page limit); ii) references, with full titles and complete author lists; iii) itemized budget with justification; iv) NIH style biosketch that includes research support history for applicant and key participants
- **Application deadline:** June 13, 2008

Applications will be reviewed by an internal committee. The funding period will be July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

Please send applications (**5 copies**) to: Ms. Clara Meregildo, Institute for Cancer Genetics, Irving Cancer Research Center, phone: 851-5274. Inquiries may be addressed to Ellen M. Foy, phone 851-5255, e-mail ef2034@columbia.edu