

Dear All,

The Innovations & Partnerships Office (IPO) along with our hospital partner TTO's have been in discussions with GSK over the last few months. As a result of these discussions we are pleased to announce that a Toronto specific event has been launched by the GSK Discovery Partnerships With Academia (DPAc) team.

What is the GSK DPAc Program?

<http://www.dpac.gsk.com/>

- A novel approach to early drug discovery that is designed to provide academic researchers access to industrial drug discovery resources and expertise;
- Brings together the insight and creativity of academia with the drug discovery expertise of GSK to establish truly integrated partnerships that can translate innovative research into medicines that benefit patients;
- Each selected project operates as a joint team, with both parties working toward shared goals and with open sharing of information and data;
- DPAc provides funding to cover project costs within the academic lab & contributes resources and in kind efforts to accomplish the GSK-specific portions of the collaboration.

Benefits to yourself?

- More than just access to GSK experts & state-of-the-art research capabilities of a leading pharmaceutical company;
- As part of a GSK DPAc selected proposal, you will:
 - a) Gain a single partner from idea to medicine
 - b) Play a key leadership role in the project, working closely with drug discovery scientists from GSK
 - c) Access state-of-the-art drug discovery platforms from early assay development and compound screening to medicinal chemistry, safety assessments, and drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics (DMPK)
 - d) Participate in joint publications
 - e) Receive financial support for your part of the research plan
 - f) Receive payments for achieving development milestones (e.g. identification of a clinical candidate molecule, starting clinical trials) and royalty payments should the project result in a new medicine launch

Process details & associated time-lines for proposal submissions:

1. **March 12th**, deadline for Project Insight Forms to be submitted the Innovations & Partnerships Office (IPO). Please send your project insight form to Akshita Vincent, Technology Analyst at akshita.vincent@utoronto.ca; Application forms are attached.

- a) We recommend that you complete the non-confidential form; however if unpublished information is being shared please complete the confidential version of the form and IPO will work with GSK to prepare a confidentiality agreement.
2. 16th April deadline for DPAC to review proposals, provide feedback on each proposal and notify proposals of interest;
3. Late May US DPAC team to visit Toronto & the selected proposals PI's from each Institution to present (under CDA);
4. Early June DPAC will follow up with individual Institutions/PIs to:
 - a. Discuss interest in potential collaboration(s)
 - b. Follow-up on specific questions/action items or
 - c. Confirm no further interest

If you are interested in submitting a Project Insight Form, information is attached including associated criteria & further guidelines towards completing the form.

***Note if your lab is at one of UofT hospital partners please submit to your hospital TTO.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Akshita with any questions and/or help towards completing the application form.

Thank-you,

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