



NACP CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Funding for September 1, 2027 – August 31, 2029
Information Session: June 22, 2026 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Letter of Interest Due (Optional, but recommended): July 1, 2026
Summer Research Conference (Optional, but recommended): July 23-24, 2026
Letter of Intent Due (Required): September 1, 2026
Application Deadline: November 15, 2026

The Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP) invites proposals from interested research teams: all proposed projects must be co-led by at least one investigator at Northern Arizona University (NAU) and at least one investigator at the University of Arizona Cancer Center (UACC). **We seek to provide seed funding for projects that will develop into applications for future external funding support.** Anticipated funding start date: September 1, 2027. All proposals are subject to National Cancer Institute approval.

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CANCER PREVENTION (NACP) GOALS

1. To engage in bidirectional communication grounded in the principle of reciprocity with our AIAN community partners to promote best practices with respect to cancer health and to develop research priorities and programs that address AI cancer health disparities.
2. To grow the pipeline of cancer-focused Indigenous researchers and health care professionals through educational and training programs tailored to high school, undergraduates, graduate students, junior investigators, and early-stage investigators.
3. Conduct impactful cancer disparity focused research that is informed by and inclusive of tribal community priorities and concerns.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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Pilot and Full Project Proposals will be funded. Total direct costs to be shared between NAU and UACC; the usual funding ratio is 50% to NAU and 50% to UACC. Individual budgets should be calculated for each institution, with renewal for each year contingent on project productivity.

PILOT PROJECT PROPOSAL. Pilot projects should be similar in scope to an NIH R21. We anticipate having funds to initiate one to two pilot projects for two years of funding. Projects may be funded for up to **\$120,000 in direct costs** per year.

FULL PROJECT PROPOSAL. Full projects should be similar in scope to an NIH R01. We anticipate having funds to support two full projects for two years of funding. Projects may be funded for up to **\$250,000 in direct costs** per year.

CANCER RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

All projects must focus on Native American communities. The following research priorities have been provided by the NACP Community Advisory Board (CAB):

- Increase retention in cancer treatment by identifying and addressing barriers to continuing care
- Address the lag between cancer diagnosis and treatment by using navigation
- Address the high prevalence and/or high mortality from cancer in Native American communities
- Understand environmental exposures in Native American communities that potentially contribute to cancer incidence
- Examine clinical trial participation in Native American communities:

- intervention vs treatment trials
 - identify barriers to participating/access in the trials
 - determine availability of clinical trials in clinical settings that serve Native American communities compared to the rest of the state
 - report number of people who are participating in clinical trials
- Assess risk of subsequent cancers after COVID-19 (long COVID)
 - Develop, test, or disseminate programs that incorporate traditional healing practices across the cancer continuum, including best practices for cancer survivorship
 - Assess capacity within specific Tribal communities to build Tribal cancer programs
 - Tribal cancer epidemiology, surveillance, and measurements within specific Tribal communities
 - Assess quality of life of cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, family members (e.g. resources needed/what type of social determinates are affecting these for program planning)
 - Dissemination and implementation science relative to Native American cancer prevalence (e.g. adapting evidence-based programs)
 - Explore resilience related to cancer health disparities in Tribal communities
 - Investigate culturally relevant health promotion related to cancer health disparities in Tribal communities

INFORMATION SESSION

June 22, 2026 10:00- 11:00 AM

Attendance at the Information Session is recommended for all considering applications, including individuals who have not identified a cross-institutional project partner. The session will be presented by the Planning and Evaluation Core Leaders, Gloria Coronado (UACC) and Jason Wilder (NAU). They will provide background information on NACP and describe the requirements/process for proposal application submissions.

[NACP Call for Proposal 2026 Information Session | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

LETTERS OF INTEREST (Optional, recommended)

Due: July 1, 2026

A letter of interest is recommended as a way to let NACP leadership know of your interest in either a pilot or full research project. Letters of interest can be submitted by individual investigators at either UACC or NAU, and there is no requirement for a collaborating partner at the other institution to have been identified at the time the letter is submitted. Individuals who submit a letter of interest will receive direct updates and announcements from NACP as the application cycle progresses, will be eligible for assistance and consultation to identify a collaborating partner at the other institution (if needed), and will be included in invitations to future NACP research development opportunities. Please submit letter of intent to Maria Prevatt (mprevatt@uacc.arizona.edu) by **5 pm on the due date**. We will acknowledge receipt.

NACP Summer Research Conference (Optional, recommended)

July 23 - 24, 2026

NACP will be holding their annual Summer Research Conference in Flagstaff focused on current research projects and providing interested investigators with further information on NACP. The conference provides an opportunity for UA and NAU investigators to meet potential research collaborators from each institution; if they have not yet formed a NAU-UA partnership to apply for this

Call. Investigators from UA will be provided with travel accommodation to make the trip to NAU in Flagstaff. If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact Maria Prevatt mprevatt@uacc.arizona.edu by **June 23, 2026**.

LETTERS OF INTENT (Required)

Due: **September 1, 2026**

The letter of intent (LOI) is required and should briefly describe the nature and scope of the project (one paragraph) and the names and contact information of the co-investigators from NAU and UACC. Because applications will also be reviewed by external reviewers, we ask that the LOIs also list the names and contact information for a minimum of three potential external (outside of both NAU and UA) reviewers with expertise appropriate to the project. Please submit letter of intent to Maria Prevatt (mprevatt@uacc.arizona.edu) by **5 pm on the due date**. We will acknowledge receipt. *Selected letters will be notified by September 15, 2026.*

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Due: **November 15, 2026**

PROPOSAL FORMAT – Proposals should follow the NIH format for the PHS 398 Research Plan for an R21 application <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>. NIH has not yet released the applicable PAR for our Partnership's submission, however details may be found in [PAR-22-249](#) and in the [SF424 \(R&R\) Application Guide](#). We will notify applicants as soon as the new PAR is released but we do not anticipate major changes in the Research Project requirements. Proposals should contain the following sections in this order:

- 1) **Title Page and Specific Aims** (1 page limit): Outline the rationale and specific aims of the research project and explain how it fits into the goals and organizing framework of the partnership.
- 2) **Relevance to NACP/ Benefit to the Community** (1 page limit): Describe how this project will advance the overall goals of the NACP and how Native American students/investigators/collaborators will be involved. Describe the direct community benefit for the research project (see above for information on research priorities for Native American communities in Arizona, based on exchanges with our Community Advisory Board and the work of our Outreach Core).
- 3) **Budget Pages**: For initial and entire proposed period of support, consisting of separate budgets and budget justifications for each institution.
- 4) **NIH Biosketch Forms**: For all senior/key personnel and other significant contributors send a PDF of your biosketch generated from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/>
- 5) **NIH Other Support Pages**: For all senior/key personnel and other significant contributors send a PDF of your biosketch generated from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/> ([link to format page](#))
- 6) **Research Strategy** (no more than 6 pages for a pilot project, no more than 12 pages for a full project) to include: (1) Significance, (2) Innovation, (3) Preliminary Studies, and (4) Approach.
- 7) **Other Project Information**: Please provide responses to [R&R Other Project Information Form #1- #6b](#)
- 8) **Human Subjects and Clinical Trials**: If you answer yes to Human Subjects on the above Other Project form you must submit a complete Human Subjects section including a data and safety-monitoring plan as described in the [SF424 Application Guide instructions](#). Enrollment table containing planned enrollment numbers must also be included. Any research involving human subjects will require IRB approval.
- 9) **Data Sharing Plan** (2 page limit) Format can be found [here](#)

Each application must include written "Letters of Support" from the Native communities they are engaged with. Any research involving Native American participants will be required to follow ABOR and university policy on Tribal Consultation.

Proposals are due electronically by **5 pm on the due date**. One complete application package should be submitted per pair of investigators. Applications should be submitted to Maria Prevatt (mprevatt@uacc.arizona.edu) in a Word format (required forms can be submitted in other formats). We will acknowledge receipt of your proposal and will evaluate if all required sections are included.

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR PILOT AND FULL PROJECTS

Proposals will be reviewed by four committees: (1) *ad hoc* (external) reviewers, (2) Community Advisory Board, (3) NACP Internal Advisory Committee, and (4) Program Steering Committee. Investigators will receive written feedback and copies of the reviews. Proposals chosen for funding will be notified by May 2027 with an anticipated start date of September 1, 2027.

Proposals will be critiqued using the NIH scoring system:

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/guidelines_general/scoring_system_and_procedure.pdf Proposals will be evaluated based on (1) scientific merit of the research project, (2) strength of the project team, (3) potential of the proposed project to garner independent external support, (4) relevance to Native American cancer related health concerns and (5) overall quality of the written application. Frequent reasons for a project not to achieve a fundable score are: (1) low scientific merit; (2) low relevance to the objectives of the partnership; (3) low potential to develop into an externally funded project/program through competitive peer review.