

The GCRC at University Park
Resource Allocation Priorities Policy

Purpose: To establish a clear and equitable method for allocating GCRC resources.

Definition of GCRC Resources: For the purpose of this policy everything that may be used by a study is a resource to be allocated according to this policy. This includes, but is not limited to physician time, nursing time, nutrition services, space, equipment, supplies, services outside *standard hours* (see "Hours of Service" policy), overnight stays, etc.

The Policy:

All GAC approved protocols will be allocated GCRC resources based on the following hierarchy based on funding:

- a) NIH funded, part of renewal of the GCRC grant
- b) NIH funded, not part of renewal of the GCRC grant
- c) Funded by other Federal sources
- d) New investigator¹, no or minimal other funding (pilot studies)
- e) Funded by state and local government agencies, or by charitable organizations and foundations
- f) Private sector funded, investigator initiated
- g) Established investigator², no or minimal other funding (pilot studies)
- h) Industry initiated

The GAC will at the time of study approval classify the study into one of the above groups.

Dominant Use of Resources Clause: The GAC will have the discretion to approve only parts of a request for support, if in the opinion of the GAC approving all that is asked for would lead to a study dominating or overwhelming the use of GCRC resources. Similarly a request may be completely denied for the same reason.

Policy Execution: The GAC will appoint a standing sub-committee (*The Utilization of Resources Sub-committee*) that will guide the Administration in making decisions about utilization of resources. The *Utilization of Resources Sub-committee* shall consist of 3 GAC

¹ New Investigator Criteria

The investigator must be at the beginning stages of their PSU tenure-track faculty position (up through the 5th year). They cannot have been designated previously as principal investigator on a NIH or federally supported research project or project component (except a dissertation or post-doctoral fellowship grant). Previous receipt of a National Research Service Award Individual Fellowship is permissible. Recipients of mentored K-awards will fall under this category.

² Established Investigator Criteria

Does not meet criteria for New Investigator.

members appointed by the GAC Chair and will be supported by the GCRC administration. Based on this policy the *Utilization of Resources Sub-committee* will decide which GAC approved studies should be invited to begin admission of subjects. The sub-committee may choose to offer the investigator only a part of the resources requested and approved, if only partial resources are available.

Within the above categories other factors to be taken into account in the decision making of *The Utilization of Resources Sub-committee* include:

- The scientific quality score given to a study by the GAC (should dominate)
- The “Need for GCRC resources” score
- Matching of funds by departments for pilot studies
- The overall “cost / benefit” ratio of a request (how much is asked for from the GCRC vs. how much scientific benefit will follow)
- Encouraging young investigators is a part of the brief of the GCRC