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# Bridging the Gap: An overview of CPRIT's Early Translational Research Award (ETRA) and SEED Award RFAs

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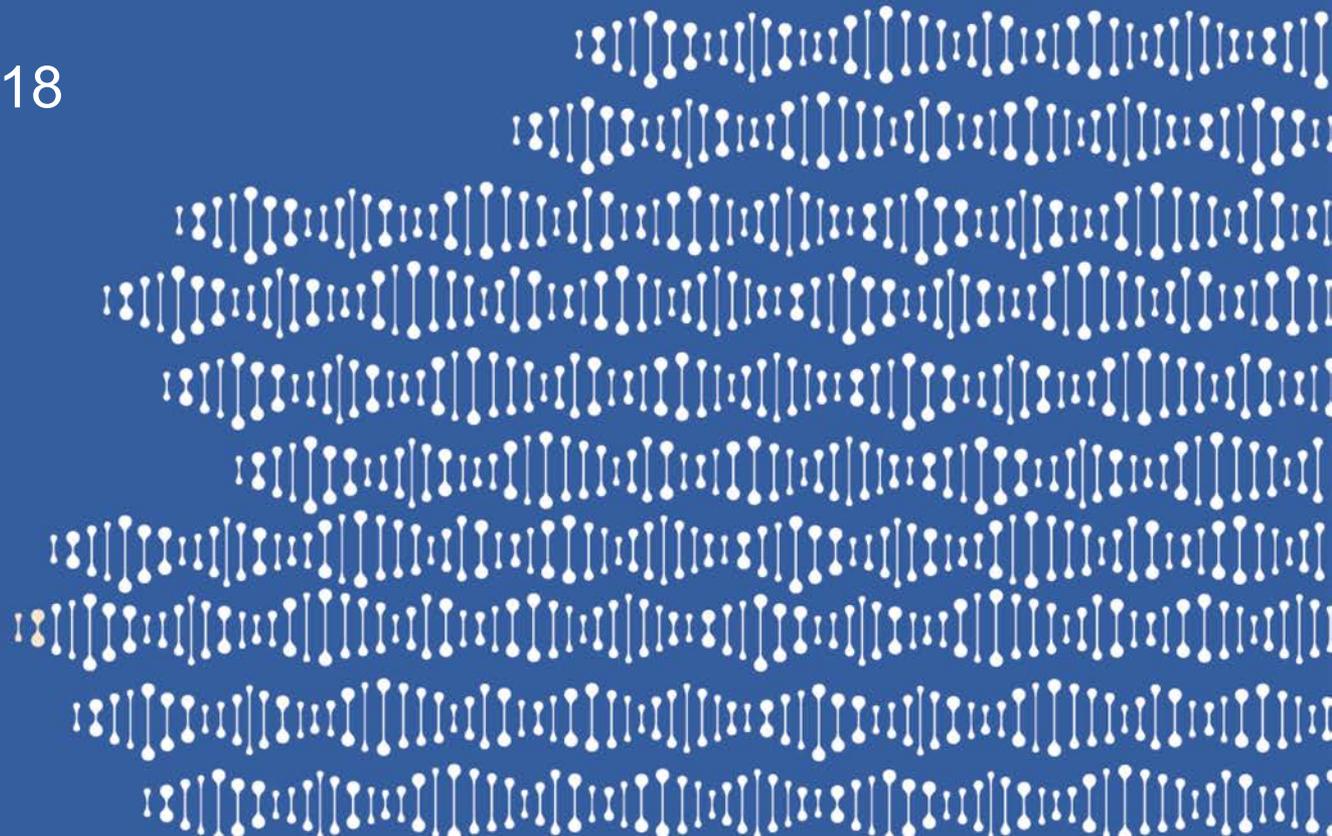
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# Bridging the Gap: ETRA and SEED Award RFAs

## AGENDA

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

RFA Overview + Q&A

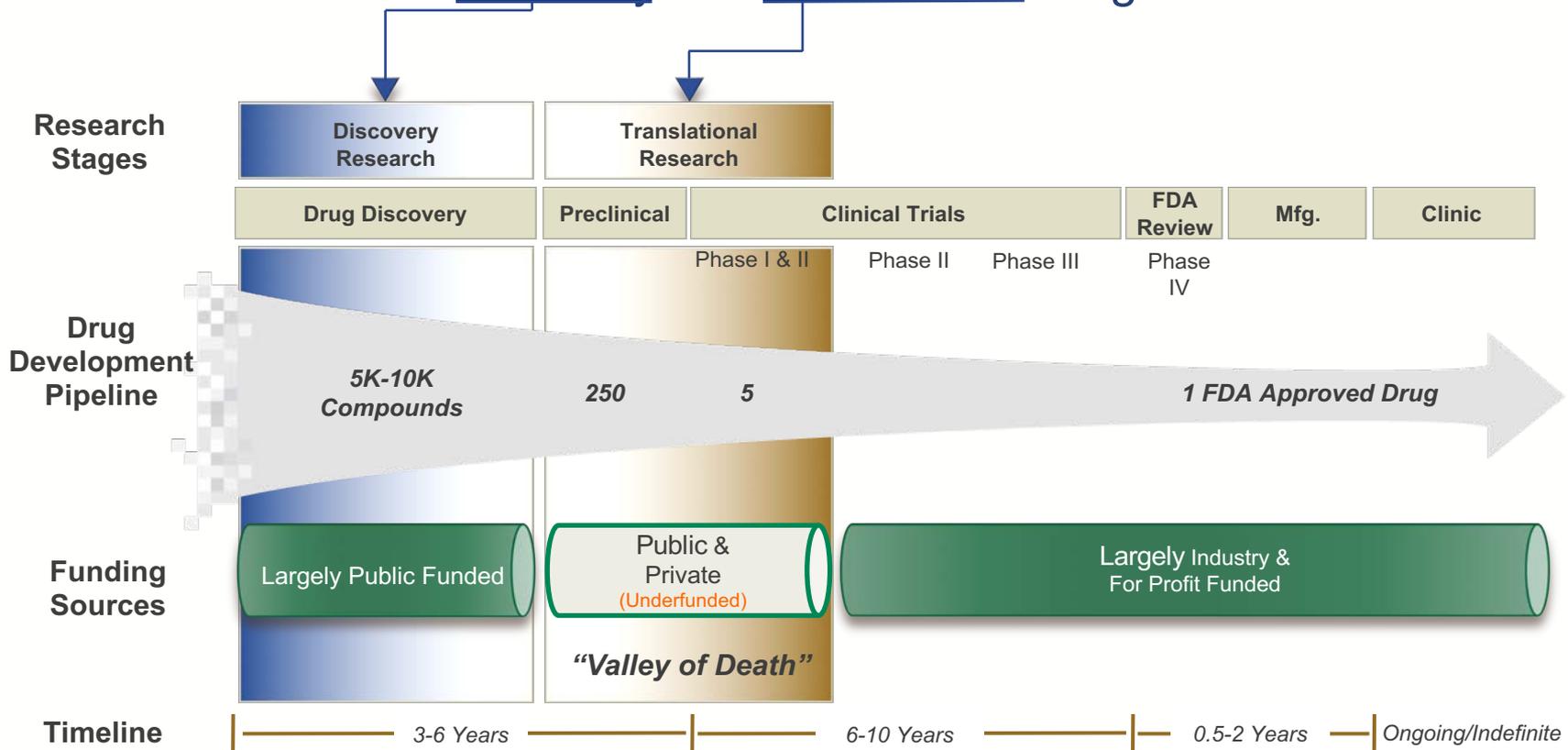
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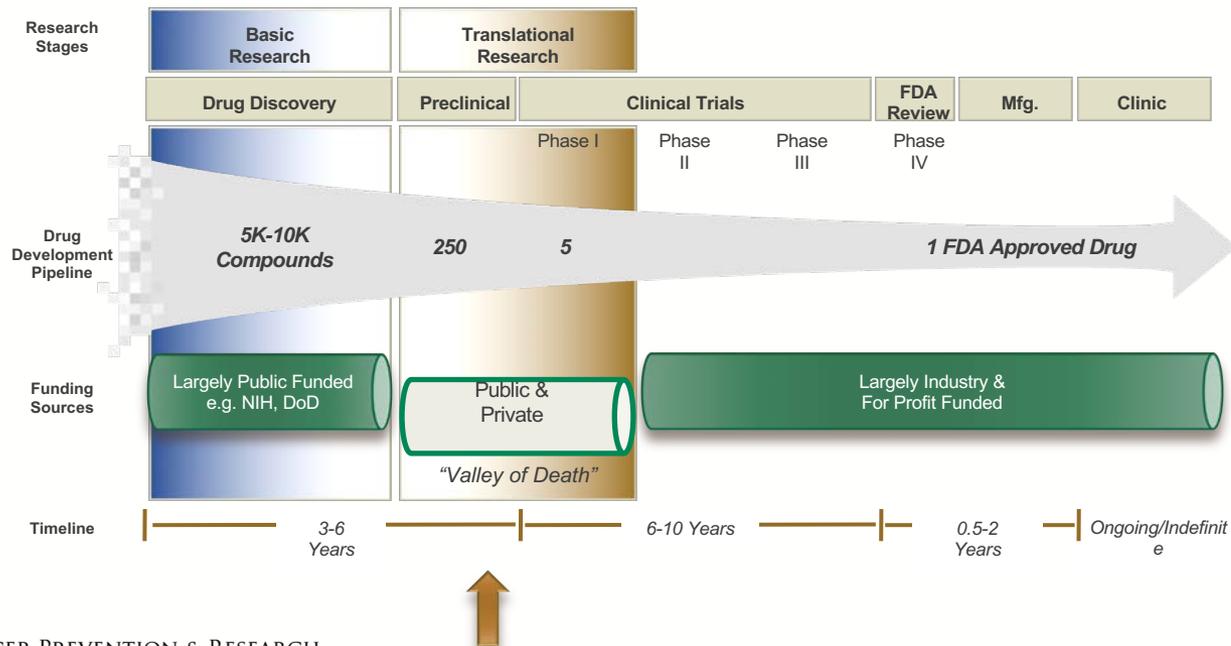
# CPRIT's Role in Fighting Cancer

CPRIT focuses on discovery and translational stages of cancer research



# Early Translational Research Award

- Projects from academic investigators that "bridge the gap" between promising new discoveries and commercial development.
- PI and development experts collaborate to address commercial viability.
- **Deliverable is validated compound, device or assay and well defined business opportunity ready to attract private investment**



# Early Translational Research Award (ETRA)

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## Who should apply for the ETRA ?

- Academic investigators whose research is ready for development toward an investible technology and business opportunity.
  - Target validation completed
  - Early hits identified
  - Prototype device concept or diagnostic test developed
- Basic research to identify or validate a new target or to support new hit generation is NOT responsive.
- Proposals to conduct early phase clinical trials are NOT responsive.



# Components of the ETRA Application

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- Background and development plan
  - scientific impact and innovation
  - ready for product development stage
- Comprehensive Business Plan
  - clinical utility
  - target market
  - how intellectual property will be protected
- Target product profile (TPP)
  - documents the path of product development
  - Identifies milestones for go/no go decisions
- Letter of Support from the Chief Technology Transfer Officer or equivalent



# ETRA Funding Information

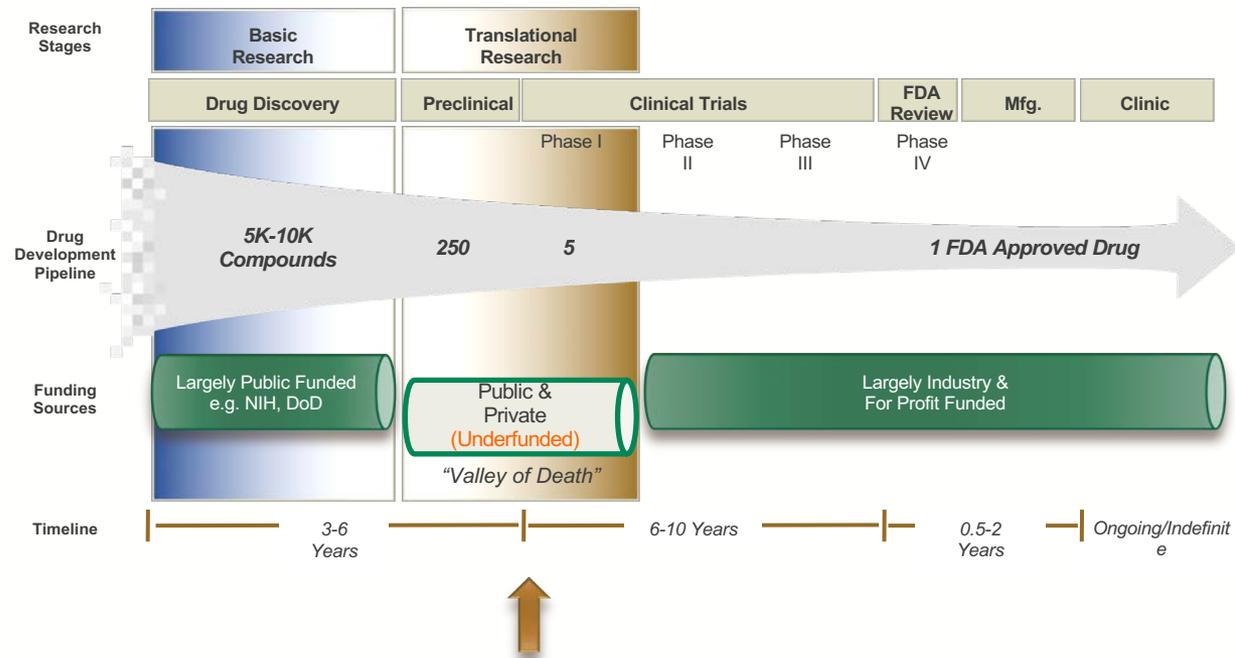
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- \$2,000,000 over a period of 1 - 2 years
- Institutional limits on number of applications
- Co-PI with development expertise encouraged
- Consultants to provide special expertise
- Services outsourced to a contract lab services organization



# SEED Award

- Start-up or established firms developing innovative products or services
- Significant potential impact on patient care specific to cancer
- Scientific “Proof of Principle” demonstrated



# SEED Awards

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## Eligibility

- Cancer Specific – Therapy, Diagnostic or Sequelae treatment
- Sector Agnostic – Therapeutics, Diagnostics, Devices, Development Services
- Texas – Current TX company or willing to relocate post award (specific criteria)
- Stage – Preclinical (with POC) to Clinical Phase 1 or Phase 2a

## Award

- Company applicants can request up to \$3M over maximum timeline of 36 months



# SEED Awards

## Application Process

- RFA expected to be offered: (see website for more details)
  - FY 2019: one more cycle
  - FY 2020: one cycle
  - FY 2021: one cycle
- Peer reviewed for scientific merit, business fundamentals and clinical impact
- Multi-step review process; typically 6 months from application to approval
  - Administrative Review
  - Peer Screening Review
  - In-person Presentation
  - Due Diligence
- 10% success rate



# SEED Award: Key Issues for Applicants

## Assessment Criteria

- Novel technology – Revolutionary not Evolutionary
- Strong Scientific Fundamentals and Validation
- Comprehensive Development Plan – Preclinical Development, Clinical Trials, Regulatory, Reimbursement etc.
- Management Team
- Clinical Impact
- Business Fundamentals and VC Investment Attractiveness

## Awards

- Contract with annual review – meet milestones to maintain funding
- Thx Revenue Sharing: 3% to 5% stepped royalty to 4x award, then 0.5%
- 50% match required



# Key Dates – ETRA 19.2 Cycle

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Process	Timeline
RFA Posted	August 17, 2018
CPRIT Application Receipt System (CARS) Opens	October 17, 2018
CPRIT Application Receipt System (CARS) Closes	January 30, 2019
Peer Review	May 2019 – August 2019
Award	August 31, 2019



# Key Dates – SEED Award 19.2 Cycle

Process	Timeline
RFA Posted	November 20, 2018
CPRIT Application Receipt System (CARS) Opens	December 5, 2018
CPRIT Application Receipt System (CARS) Closes	January 30, 2019
Peer Review	April 15 - 18, 2019
Contract Start Date	August 31, 2019



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# Scientific and Programmatic Questions

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