

CDI Spark Award - Evaluation criteria

Candidate

- Professional, academic, and research experience.
- Research accomplishments: publications, conference presentations, awards, etc.
- Reference letter: Letter of endorsement or support from supervisor.

Project

- **Impact:** The project demonstrates scientific excellence and originality. The project has a high potential to advance cancer research and discovery within the PM community and beyond. Impact can be immediate or long-term.
- **Feasibility:** The project has clear goals and scope, with a data analysis plan well-suited to the data type and research question.
- **Clear hypothesis** – The research question is well defined.
- **Scientific quality:** The methods are well defined and make logical sense.
- **Deliverables:** The project deliverables are clearly defined. The deliverables have a realistic timeline and deliverables correspond to the overarching project goal.
- **Timeline:** The data analysis is planned within the year.
- **Program Expectations:** Learning goals from the program align with project needs and the intent of the Spark Award mentorship.
- **Contribution:** The project will bring a valuable positive contribution (value add) to the current body of knowledge in cancer research. The project has potential to influence the future of cancer research.
- **Equity, diversity and inclusion** – The statement describes how the project or the project team is aligned with UHN's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- **Quality of writing** – The application is well written. The writing is focused, clear, concise, and easy to follow.