The Office of Medical Education is pleased to announce the fifteenth cycle of COMCEC grants. Grants are awarded to fund educational research efforts and can provide up to a **maximum of $5,000 per project**. Research across the continuum of medical education, including medical student, resident, and faculty-level populations is eligible for consideration. Curriculum development projects will be considered provided that rigorous evaluation methodology is included.

The deadline to submit an application is **Monday, June 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** To assist potential applicants in developing competitive proposals, we are holding an informational session in **R1-106 on Thursday, May 6 from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**. This is an opportunity for applicants to brainstorm research ideas and receive feedback from colleagues in order to strengthen your proposal. Discussions will be led by:

- Dr. Lou Ann Cooper, Director of Program Evaluation and Educational Research, College of Medicine
- Dr. Gwen Lombard, Associate Residency Program Director for Education, Department of Neurosurgery
- Dr. Diane Beck, Professor and Associate Dean for Curriculum and Accreditation, College of Pharmacy
- Dr. Erik Black, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics.

Please contact Olga Vargas at (352) 273-8576 or ovargas@ufl.edu to register.

In addition, **individual consultation on research design and data analysis** is available, by appointment, through the Office of Medical Education. Please contact Dr. Lou Ann Cooper by phone at (352) 273-5324 or email lacooper@ufl.edu to schedule a consultation.

### The COMCEC grant proposal includes:

1. **Cover sheet with abstract.** This requires the Principal Investigator’s signature and signature from the PI’s department chair or division chief endorsing the study, approving the time commitment, and assuring allocated funds will be spent in the manner prescribed.
2. **A three to five-page research proposal that details:**
   a. Specific Aims/Research Questions
   b. Background/Literature Review
   c. Preliminary work (if applicable)
   d. Experimental design and methods. This section should include measurable outcomes and a data analysis plan.
   e. Timeline for proposed activities.
3. **References/Bibliography**
4. **Budget and Budget Justification** (See website for allowable expenses).

COMCEC funds are transferred to the recipient’s department for disbursement. A final expenditures report must be completed and submitted to the Office of Medical Education by June 17, 2011. A final written research report is due July 2, 2012 (two years from the date of funding notification). Please visit the COMCEC Educational Research Grants webpage at [http://ome.med.ufl.edu/college-of-medicine-chapman-education-center-comcec/](http://ome.med.ufl.edu/college-of-medicine-chapman-education-center-comcec/) for guidelines, including detailed instructions, submission information, allowable expenditures, and frequently asked questions.