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Scientific Progress

Since this was an equipment grant, the scientific progress and accomplishments related to this specific proposal are somewhat limited.

The initial portion of the budget period was spent going through the demo process and negotiation with vendors of laser scanning confocal microscope systems. Based on 1) the needs of our researchers, 2) the flexibility of the potential systems, 3) deliverables from each of the companies (both equipment and service), and 4) potential for future expandability we chose to purchase the Nikon A1RSi laser scanning confocal system. Since this was the system that was proposed in the original funding request, we moved forward.

The intermediate portion of the budget period was spent renovating an underutilized space in the Pharmacy building into an imaging and cell culture suite. In showing its commitment to this proposal, the Xavier University had promised space and infrastructure support for the microscope. Xavier's NIH-funded Research Centers at Minority Institutions core facility purchased the additional equipment necessary to have a functional cellular imaging facility (cell culture incubator, tissue culture hood, -20 and 4 degree celsius storage). The renovation of this space took place while Nikon was delivering the assorted microscope components. The imaging suite is in a central (controlled) location that is convenient to the researchers that need access, as well as the staff of the core facility that is tasked with maintaining the microscope and training users.

The final portion of the budget period involved training and utilization. Nikon has a team of local support that has already held four formal training sessions and is committed to continual support of the needs of our users. The microscope has been added to our internal iLab database for reservation of microscope time, which also allows us to track use. Multiple laboratories are already using the microscope on a regular basis, and new users have shown interest in getting trained on its utilization. The microscope was also successfully used for undergraduate education in the Spring 2016 semester, as the proposed Pathology: Principles and Application course that was mentioned in the proposal was taught this semester. Senior-level undergraduate students used the confocal microscope to perform immunofluorescence studies of stained pathology specimens to further identify pathologies associated with unknown biopsied tissue. This gave them a hands-on experience with sophisticated microscopy equipment in a way that simply can not be simulated in the classroom.

Although there are no formal publications yet from data generated by this equipment, images were used as part of a presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology (by undergraduate students), and there are two manuscripts that are currently under review from the laboratories of two of the co-PIs (Davenport and Bhattacharjee) that include data generated using this microscope.

Technology Transfer

N/A