



Request for Letters of Intent

Collaborative Research Development Grant

2020

Purpose

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance is requesting Letters of Intent for the 2020 Collaborative Research Development Grant. The purpose of this grantmaking program is to provide funds for ovarian cancer research projects that may involve several investigators within one institution or collaborations between groups in multiple institutions. Interdisciplinary collaborations are encouraged.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1. The Principal Investigator/s (multiple PIs are permitted) and other investigators must have full-time faculty appointments in a school of medicine or public health or recognized non-profit scientific research facility. PIs should not currently be in a training program and should be at least five years post-training. For multi-PI submissions, at least one PI must be a physician with expertise on ovarian cancer. For single PI submissions, a key investigator must be a physician with expertise in ovarian cancer. International collaborations are welcome.
2. The selection committee will consider most favorably applications that are creative, original, and hold the most promise in the areas of screening and early detection, etiology and prevention, molecular therapeutics, cancer biology and genetics. Submissions that focus on health services research, quality of life, and epidemiology are also encouraged.
3. The primary review criteria will be the likelihood that the investigators can leverage this funding to establish a research team capable of performing high-impact research and competing successfully for additional funding.

Terms of Award

Support of \$300,000USD annually for three years (\$900,000USD total) will be awarded to the institution(s) in which the recipients will conduct the research. Award recipients will be required to submit annual progress reports (narrative and financial) throughout the award cycle. Narrative reports should include a description of results and how the work will be carried forward in the coming year. It is expected that the project will result in peer-reviewed publication(s). Any publications or presentations of work resulting from this award should acknowledge support from OCRA. After successful completion

of the grant, applicants may be invited to apply for a one-time, one-year competitive grant extension of \$300,000USD.

Selection Process

Letters of Intent will be reviewed by Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance's Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), which is comprised of distinguished members of the medical, research and patient advocacy community from across the United States. While there is no set number of awards given each year, the SAC typically awards two or three Collaborative Research Development Grants each year. The majority of LOIs will be triaged at this stage; only a fraction of those submitting LOIs will be invited to submit full proposals.

Timeline

The submission deadline for LOIs is 11:59pm ET (GMT -4) on April 28, 2019. All applicants will be notified of their status in June. For those selected to submit full proposals, full proposals will be due July 8, 2019.

Application Process

Letters of Intent must be submitted in English via the [proposalCENTRAL website \(https://proposalcentral.com\)](https://proposalcentral.com) by 11:59pm ET (GMT -4) on April 28, 2019.

The proposalCENTRAL website is easy to use, and will lead you through the completion of the application. We recommend you log into the website soon, and familiarize yourself with the website as well as the required parts of the application.

The LOI must include basic contact information for the applicant, as well as a scientific abstract of the proposed research project, which should be presented in 6,000 characters or less (including spaces), as well as biosketches for all investigators. No figures, references, appendices, budgets or letters of recommendation are required or accepted at this stage. Approval for the care and use of animals in a laboratory setting will be verified at time of award (do not include with LOI). If you are selected to submit a full application, we will request those materials from you then. Each candidate may submit only one LOI per cycle.

Answers to frequently asked questions about the application process are available online [here \(https://ocrahope.org/research/for-grantees/grant-application-faq/\)](https://ocrahope.org/research/for-grantees/grant-application-faq/).

Technical Support

If you are having technical problems with the proposalCENTRAL website, technical assistance is available from 8:30am – 5pm EST (GMT -4) by phone 800-875-2562 for toll-free in the U.S. and Canada or +1 703-964-5840 for direct dial international, and by email: pcsupport@altum.com.

Questions about the substantive aspects of the application should be directed to Emily Hickey (contact info below).

About OCRA

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA) is the leading organization in the world fighting ovarian cancer from all fronts, including in the lab and on Capitol Hill, while supporting women and their families. Visit ocrahope.org to learn more.

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