



## Request for Letters of Intent

### Ann and Sol Schreiber Mentored Investigator Award

#### 2021 Grantees

#### Purpose

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance is requesting Letters of Intent for the 2021 Ann and Sol Schreiber Mentored Investigator Award. This grant provides funding for trainees who are working under the supervision of a mentor who is a recognized leader in the field of ovarian cancer research, or relevant area.

#### Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1. Applicants must be either clinical fellows or post-doctoral fellows with protected time to do the proposed work. Candidates for this grant must have an M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree.
2. Applicants must be working in institutions with well-developed ovarian cancer research programs, in a school of medicine or public health, or a recognized non-profit scientific research facility.
3. Applicants should be involved in either laboratory, clinical, epidemiologic or health services research. The research leader who will serve as the mentor should have significant independent cancer research funding (NCI, DOD, OCRA, etc.).
4. Each mentor may support only one applicant per year. We encourage research groups to vet concepts so that only one LOI is submitted for this award.
5. PhD applicants must be no more than 5 years out of their terminal degree at time of application (e.g. terminal degree must have been awarded during 2015 or later); MDs and MD/PhDs must be currently enrolled in a fellowship program.
6. The selection committee will consider the strength of the research environment and project proposal, the trainee's prior academic track record, and the likelihood of his/her pursuing a research career dedicated to ovarian cancer. The research plan proposed should have sufficient scientific depth to potentially lead to publication of results in high quality journals, and should be able to be completed within the funding period (one or two years). Ideally, the project proposed should be one that the trainee's mentor believes will advance the overall scientific objectives of the research group.

If you have questions about your eligibility, please contact us (see last page).

#### Terms of Award

The Ann and Sol Schreiber Mentored Investigator Award provides a total of \$75,000USD to be used over one or two years. Although the trainee may take part in some non-research activities (e.g. class work,

clinical activities), at least 80% effort should be devoted to research during the tenure of the OCRA award.

It is the mentor's responsibility to assure that a trainee who receives this award submits the required progress reports (narrative and financial) throughout the award cycle. Any publications or presentations of work resulting from this award should acknowledge support from OCRA.

## **Selection Process**

Letters of Intent will be reviewed by the 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. 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 July 10, 2020. All applicants will be notified of their status in late August. For those selected to submit full proposals, full proposals will be due in late September 2020.

## **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 July 10, 2020.

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

The LOI includes 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). The applicant's biosketch and the proposed mentor's biosketch are also required. 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, and by email: [pcsupport@altum.com](mailto:pcsupport@altum.com).

Questions about the substantive aspects of the application should be directed to Natalie Alvarado (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](http://ocrahope.org) to learn more.

Ann Schreiber, for whom this grant is named, was a distinguished public administrator. OCRA was founded by her husband, Sol Schreiber, to honor Ann and her courageous five-year battle with ovarian cancer.

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