



## **Request for Letters of Intent**

### **Early Career Investigator Grant**

#### **2023 Grantees**

##### **Purpose**

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance is requesting Letters of Intent for the 2023 Early Career Investigator Grant (formerly called the Liz Tilberis Early Career Award). The Early Career Investigator Grant is for junior faculty with a strong commitment to an investigative career in the field of ovarian cancer research. The intent of these grants is to support a substantial time commitment to research and academic endeavors in ovarian cancer.

##### **Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

1. Applicants must be working in institutions with strong existing ovarian cancer research programs, in a school of medicine or public health, or a recognized non-profit scientific research facility.
2. Applicants should have strong training in preparation for an investigative career in ovarian cancer research and prior academic accomplishments.
3. The selection committee will consider most favorably applications that are creative, original, and hold the most promise in the areas of early detection, prevention, treatment, and translational ovarian cancer research. The proposed research plan should have sufficient scientific depth to allow the Early Career Investigator grantee to compete for additional funding after the period of this grant.
4. Candidates must have an MD/DO and/or PhD degree and should be in the first seven years of their first academic appointment after having completed their fellowship or post-doctoral training (Assistant Professor or equivalent). Individuals who will begin such a position by July 2022 are eligible for this award.
5. This year OCRA intends to prioritize funding for at least one clinician scientist for an Early Career Investigator Grant.
6. For MDs/DOs or MD/DO-PhDs with clinical responsibilities, at least 50% of the time must be dedicated to ovarian cancer research.
7. For applicants without clinical responsibilities, at least 75% of the time must be dedicated to ovarian cancer research.
8. Early Career Investigator Grants will not be granted to individuals who hold similar junior investigator awards from other funding agencies or foundations.
9. If invited to submit a full proposal, applicants will be required to provide two letters of recommendation, including one from someone in a position to mentor the applicant.

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

## **Terms of Award**

Each Early Career Investigator grantee will receive a three-year grant of up to \$150,000USD per year (\$450,000USD total). Grant recipients will be required to submit activation deliverables and annual progress reports (narrative and financial) throughout the grant cycle. Any publications or presentations of work resulting from this grant 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 5:00pm ET on April 7, 2022. Late submissions and extension requests are not permitted. All applicants will be notified of their status in late May. For those selected to submit full proposals, full proposals will be due mid-June.

## **Application Process**

Letters of Intent must be submitted in English via the [proposalCENTRAL website \(https://proposalcentral.com/GrantOpportunities.asp?GMID=99\)](https://proposalcentral.com/GrantOpportunities.asp?GMID=99) by 5:00pm EST on April 7, 2022.

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 will include basic contact information for the applicant, biosketch, as well as a scientific abstract of the proposed research project, which should be presented in 6,000 characters or less. No figures, references, appendices, budgets or letters of recommendation or collaboration 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 activation (do not include with LOI). 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 ET 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](mailto:pcsupport@altum.com).

Questions about the substantive aspects of the application should be directed to Kristin McGowan (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.

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