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DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

The Cancer Research Foundation Young Investigator Awards (YIAs) are two-year research grants for scientists who have an interest in cancer research and who are in the beginnings of their investigative careers. These grants are designed to nurture early career researchers in the pursuit of independent hypotheses and are intended to support scientists who have little or no established funding “track records” and who have not yet qualified for significant external research support at the time the YIA proposal is submitted. The Cancer Research Foundation is particularly interested in funding research focused on decoding the mechanics of cancer, its development, diagnosis and treatment, using epigenetics, genomics, informatics, molecular and bio chemical engineering, or image-oriented research, among other scientific disciplines. However, projects connected to cancer from any related scientific field will be considered.

Each 2018 Young Investigator will be granted \$75,000 to cover materials, lab technicians, lab services and other costs. The award may not be used to fund the salary of the Young Investigator, indirect costs, or travel expenses. Funding is for two years, from January 1st, 2019 to December 31st, 2020. We expect that the entire grant will be spent over this time period but a carry-over of funds will be considered only under particular circumstances. Three \$25,000 payments will be made, in December 2018, January 2019 and December 2019. Different funding schedules will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The Cancer Research Foundation is committed to creating a collaborative relationship between itself, its donors and the scientists it funds. For that reason, CRF Young Investigators are required to produce an update at the end of the first year of their grant, which will be posted to the CRF website and shared with donors. In addition, within six months of the end of the project, Young Investigator Awardees are asked to produce a final report about the conclusion and results of their project and some suggestion of their potential research going forward. It is important that these reports be appropriate for public release when they are submitted.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The goal of the Young Investigator Award is to help promising young investigators as they initiate a successful scientific career. Applicants are expected to be fewer than ten years from obtaining their advanced degree(s). Our intent is to fund

researchers who have not yet received major outside financial support. However, exceptions have been made for applicants who have recently accepted career development awards, such as K08 awards. The CRF Young Investigator Award is limited to applicants with current appointments at institutions directly affiliated with Comprehensive Cancer Centers recognized by the National Cancer Institute. Ideal candidates for the award will either be current members of the Cancer Center or will be considering membership. Applicants are encouraged to contact their institution's Cancer Center to determine eligibility. The Cancer Research Foundation is particularly interested in funding research at Comprehensive Cancer Centers located close to the Cancer Research Foundation's Midwestern base and significant preference will be given to applicants with appointments at Comprehensive Cancer Centers with which the Cancer Research Foundation has a prior funding relationship.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A successful proposal will contain:

- A cover letter addressed to Ms. Merle Goldblatt Cohen, President of the Cancer Research Foundation. This letter must contain a short abstract of the research project described in clear, succinct lay terms. If the proposal is accepted, the body of this letter may be published on the Cancer Research Foundation website. The letter should explain the goal of the project and the potential value it might have in treating, preventing or otherwise increasing cancer knowledge. It should be clear what the applicant is studying and why it is significant; all scientific terms should be explained or defined. The potential impact of a successful outcome and possible plans for further research are of particular interest to the Board.
- A more formal scientific proposal, no more than five pages single spaced
- A letter of support from the Executive Director or the Awards Committee of the Comprehensive Cancer Center affiliated with your institution. This letter should indicate a commitment to you as an applicant as well as the availability of adequate resources, including laboratory space. It should also suggest how the application might score if presented to the NIH or some similar funding source.
- A letter from a senior faculty advisor or mentor, supporting the worthiness and relevance of the project. Letter from additional mentors, advisors and collaborators are welcome.
- A detailed budget and justification

- A current CV and a photo which may be used on the CRF website if the proposal is funded.
- A list of publications and major speaking engagements
- A list of any external funding secured for this project and any other funded research related to cancer. Please include the PI name, role of the applicant if not the PI, the project title, the agency name, the project and budget period, and any overlap.

All applications should be submitted in PDF form via email to the Cancer Research Foundation by October 5, 2018 at the following address: anikitas@cancerresearchfdn.org

Funding decisions will be made by the Cancer Research Foundation Board of Directors at the Foundation Meeting to be held in the fall of 2018.