



Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance

Request for Letters of Intent

Ann Schreiber Mentored Investigator Award

2017

Purpose

Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance is requesting Letters of Intent for the 2017 Ann 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 (Gynecologic Oncology, Medical Oncology) or post-doctoral fellows. Candidates for this grant must have an M.D. 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 in the United States.
3. Applicants should be involved in either laboratory, clinical, or epidemiology research. The research leader who will serve as the mentor should have significant independent cancer research funding (NCI, DOD, OCRF, etc.).
4. 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 2011 or later).
5. 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. Ideally, the project proposed should be one that the trainee's mentor believes will advance the overall scientific objectives of the research group.

Terms of Award

The Ann Schreiber Mentored Investigator Award provides a total of \$75,000 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 90% effort should be devoted to research during the tenure of the OCRFA 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 OCRFA.

Selection Process

Letters of Intent will be reviewed by the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance's Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), which is comprised of distinguished members of the medical and research community from across the United States. While there is no set number of awards given each year, in the past few years the SAC has funded between six and twelve grants. The majority of LOIs will be triaged at this stage; only a fraction (<40%) of those submitting LOIs will be invited to submit full proposals.

Timeline

The submission deadline for LOIs is 5:00pm ET on May 9, 2016. All applicants will be notified of their status in June. For those selected to submit full proposals, full proposals will be due July 22, 2016.

Application Process

Letters of Intent must be submitted via the [proposalCENTRAL website](https://proposalcentral.altum.com/default.asp) (<https://proposalcentral.altum.com/default.asp>) by 5:00pm ET on May 9, 2016.

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 references, appendices, budgets or letters of recommendation are required or accepted at this stage. IRB/IACUC approval 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](http://www.ocrf.org/for-grantseekers/grant-application-faqs) (<http://www.ocrf.org/for-grantseekers/grant-application-faqs>).

Technical Support

If you are having technical problems with the proposalCENTRAL website, technical assistance is available from 8:30am – 5pm EST by phone 800-875-2562 (Toll-free U.S. and Canada), and by email: pcsupport@altum.com.

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

About OCRFA

Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance (OCRFA) is the largest global organization dedicated to advancing private ovarian cancer research, advocating for increased federal research and awareness funding and policies that support women and their families before, during and after a diagnosis. OCRFA, formerly Ovarian Cancer Research Fund and Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, has led the way in advocacy, research and support for women and families for over 22 years.

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

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