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## Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance

### Request for Letters of Intent

#### Liz Tilberis Early Career Award

2017

#### Purpose

Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance is requesting Letters of Intent for the 2017 Liz Tilberis Early Career Award. The Liz Tilberis Early Career Award is for junior faculty with a strong commitment to an investigative career in the field of ovarian cancer research. The intent of these awards 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 in the United States.
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 Liz Tilberis grantee to compete for additional funding after the period of this award.
4. Candidates must have an M.D. or Ph.D. degree and should be in the first five 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 2016 are eligible for this award. Liz Tilberis awards will not be granted to individuals who hold similar junior investigator awards from other funding agencies or foundations.
5. 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.

## **Terms of Award**

Each Liz Tilberis grantee will receive a three-year grant of up to \$150,000 per year. The investigator and the institution must certify that at least 75% of the scholar's time will be dedicated to ovarian cancer research. Award recipients will be required to submit annual progress reports (narrative and financial) throughout the award cycle. Any publications or presentations of work resulting from this award should acknowledge support from OCRFA. Successful applicants may have the opportunity to apply competitively for one grant renewal (two years at \$100,000/year) upon the completion of the first grant.

## **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, the SAC typically awards between five and seven Liz Tilberis awards each year. 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 EST 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 EST on May 9, 2016.

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 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](mailto: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.

Liz Tilberis, for whom this grant is named, was the highly respected editor of *Harper's Bazaar* and served as President of OCRF's Board of Directors. The Liz Tilberis Early Career Award honors her courageous six-year battle with ovarian cancer.

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