



Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance

Request for Letters of Intent

Collaborative Research Development Grant

2017

Purpose

Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance is requesting Letters of Intent for the 2017 Collaborative Research Development Grant (formerly called the Program Project Development Grant). The purpose of this grantmaking program is to provide funds for ovarian cancer research projects that may involve several investigators within one institution or collaborations between groups in multiple institutions. Interdisciplinary collaborations are encouraged.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1. The Principal Investigator (one Principal Investigator must be selected) and other investigators must have full-time faculty appointments in a school of medicine or public health or recognized non-profit scientific research facility in the United States. They should not currently be in a training program.
2. The selection committee will consider most favorably applications that are creative, original, and hold the most promise in the areas of screening and early detection, etiology and prevention, molecular therapeutics, cancer biology and genetics.
3. The primary review criteria will be the likelihood that the investigators can leverage this funding to establish a research team capable of performing high-impact research and competing successfully for additional funding.

Terms of Award

Support of \$300,000 annually for three years will be awarded to the institution(s) in which the recipients will conduct the research. Award recipients will be required to submit annual progress reports (narrative and financial) throughout the award cycle. Narrative reports should include a description of results and how the work will be carried forward in the coming year. It is expected that the project will result in peer-reviewed publication(s). Any publications or presentations of work resulting from this

award should acknowledge support from OCRFA. After successful completion of the grant, applicants may be invited to apply for a one-time, one year competitive grant extension of \$300,000.

Selection Process

Letters of Intent will be reviewed by 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 three Collaborative Research Development Grants 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 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 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 must include 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), as well as biosketches for all investigators. 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.

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