

## Four opportunities available from American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant.

### Important Dates

**DEADLINE FOR LOI: Wednesday, August 17, by 5:00 p.m.**

**DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL: Wednesday, October 5, by 5:00pm**

#### ❖ CANCER RESEARCH FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEW INVESTIGATORS

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**Three awards of \$30,000 each**

#### ❖ CANCER RESEARCH FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEW INVESTIGATORS *IN AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST*

Qualified faculty from the University of Arizona and its affiliates are encouraged to apply for cancer research funds made available through an American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant (ACS-IRG). These funds are intended to provide seed money to **new investigators** to help them with starting their research programs and to foster research in areas that are of special interest to the American Cancer Society. These areas include psychosocial and behavioral research, health policy or health services research, cancer in the poor and medically underserved, and childhood cancer. Only applications that relate to cancer research will be accepted. However, cancer-related research will be interpreted using the broadest definition.

**One award of \$30,000**

### Eligibility

Tenure-track, clinical-track, and research-track faculty at the assistant professor level who have not had independent federal or American Cancer Society funding in the past are eligible to apply, and applicants must be within **six** years of their first independent research or faculty appointment.\* A more detailed description of eligibility standards may be found in the "Definition of a New Investigator" document on the web site.

\*However, individuals whose initial nationally peer reviewed research grant was not reviewed and who are still at the level of assistant professor may apply for an individual IRG—provided they are within the first six years of their independent faculty (or equivalent) appointment and have not received funds from the IRG before.

**Note** that new investigators who received ACS-IRG funding in previous years can reapply for continuation of their projects providing they still meet the other eligibility criteria. However, competitive renewals **MUST** include a completed progress report.

### Budget

Budget requests may not exceed \$30,000 in direct costs. Some restrictions on budgetary items apply. A detailed list is provided in the "ACS IRG Allowable Budget Items" document available on the web.

### Letter of Intent

LOI should include the following:

- Project Title
- Collaborators
- Abstract (brief description of proposed work)
- ACS IRG Biosketch (template available at <http://azcc.arizona.edu/research/pilotproject/acs>)
- Description of current involvement in mentoring program

## Awardee Obligations

ACS-IRG Pilot Project award recipients agree to the following:

- Awardees must acknowledge the ACS in any publications or presentations related to their IRG funding by including the statement:

"This publication is supported by Institutional Research Grant number IRG-74-001-34-IRG from the American Cancer Society." (If you received your award before 2016)

"This publication is supported by Institutional Research Grant number IRG-16-124-37-IRG from the American Cancer Society." (If you received your award 2016 or later)

- For 5 years following award receipt, awardees will complete an annual Pilot Project Progress Report for the University of Arizona Cancer Center (UACC).
- Awardees agree to serve on a future Review Committee or participate in an ACS activity, if requested.
- Awardees may be requested to give a brief presentation or prepare a poster on their pilot project results at a future UACC research seminar or research retreat.
- Awardees must submit IACUC and/or IRB approval documents to the UACC prior to beginning any animal/human related research.
- Awardees are expected to complete their pilot projects within their approved project period and budget, unless an extension is requested and approved in writing. Cost extensions are not automatic and remaining funds cannot be transferred to another account.
- Awardees must provide documentation of their participation in a UACC approved mentoring program.
- Awardees will be contacted about presenting at the annual UACC Scientific Retreat.

Application documents can be found on The University of Arizona Cancer Center's web site at:

<http://azcc.arizona.edu/research/pilotproject/acs>

**All applications are due in electronic form by October 5, at 5:00 p.m.** and are to be emailed to Deb McDonnell

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