American Cancer Society
Funding Opportunities

Deadline: October 15, 2012


Research Scholar Grants
Support investigator-initiated projects across the cancer research continuum. Awards are for up to four years and for up to $200,000 per year (direct costs), plus 20% allowable indirect costs. Independent investigators in the first six years of an independent research career or faculty appointment are eligible to apply.

Postdoctoral Fellowships
This award is to support the training of researchers who have received a doctoral degree to provide initial funding leading to an independent career in cancer research (including basic, preclinical, clinical, cancer control, psychosocial, behavioral, epidemiology, health services and health policy research). Awards may be for three years with progressive stipends of $44,000, $46,000, and $48,000 per year, plus a $4,000 per year fellowship allowance. Depending on availability of special endowment funds, the Society annually selects one or more of the top-ranked fellowships to be supplemented above the standard stipend.

Mentored Research Scholar Grant in Applied and Clinical Research
Provides support for mentored research and training to full-time junior faculty, typically within the initial four years of their first independent appointment. The goal is for these beginning investigators to become independent researchers as either clinician scientists or cancer control and prevention researchers. Awards are for up to five years and for up to $135,000 per year (direct costs), plus 8% allowable indirect costs. A maximum of $10,000 per year for the mentor(s) (regardless of the number of mentors) is included in the $135,000.

Cancer Control Career Development Awards for Primary Care Physicians
This award is made to support primary care physicians with a rank of instructor to assistant professor who are pursuing an academic career with an emphasis on cancer control. Awards are for three years and for up to $100,000 per year. A maximum of $10,000 per year for the mentor(s) may be included in the budget.

Priority Focus in Cancer Control and Prevention Research Program: Health Disparities Research
Within the Cancer Control and Prevention Research Program (one of five research programs in the EG department), meritorious applications focusing on disparity reduction will be funded prior to meritorious applications focusing on other areas in cancer control and prevention research. In order to qualify for the Priority Program, the application must explicitly demonstrate its relevance to cancer disparities and specify how the results of the proposed study can be used to reduce disparities. There are three major areas of research (with corresponding Peer Review Committees) within the Cancer Control and Prevention Research Program: Psychosocial and Behavioral Research, Health Policy and Health Services Research, and Palliative Care and Symptom Management.
RFA: Pilot Studies Using Community-Based Participatory Research to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

The purpose of this call for applications is to stimulate research on effective interventions to reduce cancer health disparities (at any stage of the cancer continuum), using community-based participatory research (CBPR). Studies funded by this RFA must focus on interventions to reduce health disparities, use CBPR as the research method, and demonstrate clear evidence of how this pilot data will be used to develop an independently funded study (e.g., NIH RO1 or ACS Research Scholar Grant). Awards may not exceed a period of two years duration. Budgets may not exceed $100,000 for two years (including indirect costs.)

RFA: Pilot and Exploratory Projects in Palliative Care of Cancer Patients and Their Families

This RFA provides funding for investigators performing pilot and exploratory research studies whose purpose is to test interventions, develop research methodologies, and explore novel areas of research in palliative care of cancer patients and their families. A condition of funding is a clearly defined plan as to how the investigator will use the results of the project to develop larger, extramurally funded research projects. Awards may not exceed a period of one to two years duration. Awards may not exceed $60,000 per year (direct costs) plus 20% indirect costs.

Area of Special Interest: The Role of Healthcare and Insurance in Improving Outcomes in Cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment

The American Cancer Society invites applications that investigate the impact of healthcare costs, healthcare system and capacity, insurance status, social factors and delivery of health care services, on outcomes in cancer prevention, early detection and treatment. Awards may not exceed a period of 4 years, although it is anticipated that most applications will require no more than two years to complete the research. Awards may not exceed $200,000 per year (direct costs) plus 20% indirect costs.