

SCIENTIFIC SCHOLAR AWARDS *in ovarian cancer research*

\$120,000 Two-Year Awards

Request for Applications



Scientific Scholar Award Overview:

The Rivkin Center is announcing funds for Scientific Scholar Awards to be allocated based on scientific merit. Scientific Scholar Awards are intended to assist promising laboratory and clinical scientists in pursuing a career as an independent investigator in ovarian cancer research. The two-year awards will provide a total of \$120,000 in funding. *Funds are for direct costs only; institutional overhead and indirect costs will not be included in the award.*

Applicants must budget at least half of each year's award for their own salary support, including fringe benefits. Applicants may budget remaining funds for materials, supplies, consumables, travel costs for scientific meetings, and other expenses as justified. Budget and budget justification must be included with the application.

Eligibility:

Potential candidates will have an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree with career goals focused on ovarian cancer. Clinicians will have completed their residency. Candidates should be at the post-doc/fellow, instructor, research assistant, or assistant professor level with no more than 4 years in ANY of these positions. Research associates are ineligible. Potential candidates can NOT already have an NIH K award or a career development grant from the DoD or elsewhere. Established, outstanding scientists without prior focus in ovarian cancer but looking to focus in this disease area are also encouraged to apply.

Requirements upon funding:

Interim scientific and financial progress reports must be provided within 30 days following the first anniversary of the award start date for Year 2 funds to be issued. Funds for Year 2 will be issued upon satisfactory progress during Year 1, as determined by review of interim progress reports. Final scientific and financial reports must be provided within 90 days after the completion of the funding period. In addition to all final reports and annual updates, award recipients will be required to present at the next forthcoming Rivkin Center Symposium following the completion of funding. The Rivkin Center will provide travel in addition to Scientific Scholar Award funding unless travel funds remain as part of the award. Award recipients are encouraged to use results to

publish findings and develop full-scale funding applications to national agencies.

Application Format and Instructions:

Applicants should submit a proposal application to the via proposalCENTRAL (proposalcentral.com) including applicant/PI and institution contact information, scientific proposal, cover letter, mentor's statement(s), career development plan, budget information, biosketch, other support, organizational assurances, and scientific and lay abstracts.

Scientific Proposal:

The Scientific Proposal should be no more than five pages in length addressing each of the following areas: Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Results (if available), and Research Design and Methods (Arial or other acceptable font, 11 point minimum, 8.5" x 11" paper, 0.5" margins). All tables, figures, and images must fit within the five-page limit and be legible. References should be included and are not counted as part of the five-page limit. Additional materials (e.g. published papers, submitted manuscripts, letters of support, summary of facilities and resources, etc.) will not be considered.

Cover Letter:

A cover letter must accompany the application and should contain the following information:

- Name of candidate, current title, and institution
- Prior training/experience in ovarian cancer
- Short- & long- term research & career goals
- Name(s) of mentor(s)

Mentor's Statement(s):

Please include a letter(s) of support from the selected mentor(s) including information on his/her relevant experience, his/her commitment to the applicant's research plan, and nature of the supervision that will occur during the award period.

Career Development Plan:

The career development plan is closely evaluated and strongly weighed in the review process. The plan must be specifically tailored to the applicant's needs and with the ultimate goal of achieving independence as a researcher. Describe how the award will

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contribute to the applicant's ability to fulfill both short-term and long-term goals.

A systematic plan should be presented for obtaining the necessary research experiences to launch an independent ovarian cancer research career. The plan must detail additional training and/or classes needed to meet goals.

The plan should identify 1-2 mentors and include a justification for one year of mentored research experience. Describe each mentor's areas of expertise and responsibilities as well as the rationale for the applicant's choice of mentors. A convincing case must be presented to demonstrate that the support of the mentor(s) will substantially enhance the applicant's career and/or will allow the pursuit of a novel or promising study with research objectives. A biosketch must also be included for the mentor(s).

Application Submission:

All application materials should be submitted through [proposalCENTRAL](#) by the **application due date (December 1, 2021, 5PM Eastern Time)**. Applicants who do not already have an account in proposalCENTRAL must register for an account prior to beginning application. Once completed, the application must be validated to ensure all materials have been submitted. Signature pages must be printed for a wet signature (not an electronic signature) from the named institutional official and then uploaded to proposalCENTRAL.

More Information:

Visit [proposalcentral.com](#) or [www.rivkin.org](#) for the latest Guidelines. Questions may be directed to Jackie Lang, PhD at Jackie.Lang@rivkin.org or (206) 584-2357.

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