

University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant (ACS IRG)

Deadline: Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 at 5pm

Research Support for Cancer Disparities Research Individual Application

Submission & Budget Guidelines

The University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC) announces the availability of American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grants for junior faculty to conduct cancer related research projects.

Investigator Eligibility

- Only junior level faculty members are eligible for the ACS IRG. Junior investigators are faculty within 6 years of their first independent faculty appointment or equivalent (e.g., Instructor, Assistant Professor, and Research Assistant Professor). Investigators who have already received a peer-reviewed national research grant are not eligible to apply. NIH Career Development (K) awards do not count as peer-reviewed national research grants for this purpose. Investigators who have received prior support from the ACS Institutional Research Grant are not eligible.
- **Applicants who are not U.S. citizens are now welcome to apply.** If not a US Citizen, the applicant must have a VISA that will cover the time requirement to complete their project.
- Non-faculty (e.g., residents, fellows) are not eligible.

Research Project Criteria

Projects that specifically focus on cancer disparities research.

ACS IRG awards are up to 30,000. The award period is for one year.

- Allowable expenses include:
 - Research supplies and animal maintenance
 - Technical assistance
 - Domestic travel, when necessary to carry out the proposed research program
 - Publication costs, including reprints
 - Costs of computer time
 - Special fees (pathology, photography, etc.)
 - Stipends for graduate students and postdoctoral assistants if their role is to promote and sustain the project presented by the junior faculty member
 - Equipment costing less than \$2,000. Special justification is necessary for items exceeding this amount, and permission must be obtained from the Society's Extramural Grants Department for the purchase of such equipment.
 - Registration fees at scientific meetings.
- Non-allowable expenditures include:
 - Salary of the principal investigator (pilot project grant recipient)
 - Honoraria and travel expenses for visiting lecturers
 - Secretarial/administrative salaries
 - Student tuition and student fees including graduate and undergraduate.
 - Foreign travel; however, special consideration will be given for attendance at scientific meetings held in Canada
 - Books, periodicals, or membership dues
 - Office/laboratory furniture, office equipment, or office supplies

- Rental of office or laboratory space
- Recruiting and relocation expenses
- Non-medical services to patients
- Construction, renovation, or maintenance of buildings/laboratories

Questions regarding your proposed budget can be addressed to Sarah Laye, Grants Administration, at 410-328-6198 or SLaye@som.umaryland.edu.

Submission Guidelines

All applications must be submitted using the UMGCCC ACS IRG Individual Application for Research Support Form. This form and other required forms are found on the [UMGCCC website](#). The application for an Institutional Research Grant includes:

- Application for an Individual Allocation from American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant #132867-IRG-18-160-16-IRG (which includes biographical information, abstract, project description, and proposed budget). The Application should be signed only by the submitting investigator and the appropriate Department Chair.
- Completed paper Grant Routing Form **with your dept. chair's signature only** (Dean's signature not necessary for these purposes). Do not route this form until you are funded.
- Description of proposed research in the Application for an Individual Allocation from American Cancer Society Institutional Research grant is **limited to 10 pages using 11 pt. Arial font and 0.5" margins as a Word document** and should include:
 - **Sections A-C (up to 3 pages total)**
 - A. Specific Aims
 - B. Background and Relevance to Cancer in Poor and Underserved Populations
 - C. Preliminary Data
 - **Section D (up to 3 pages)**
 - D. **Experimental Approaches.** This section should include a rationale for each series of experiments, details of experimental methods where appropriate, and expected outcomes of the experiments proposed.
 - Sections E-F (up to 1 page total)**
 - E. **Significance of the Expected Results**
 - F. **Future Directions** (i.e., how this work will lead to a full proposal to the NIH or another national level funding agency).
 - **Section G-I (up to 1 page each)**
 - G. Literature Citations
 - H. Budget
 - I. Budget Justification

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Return a PDF copy of the application and supporting documentation to:

Rita Stoffel

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IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT SUBMISSIONS for 2020 and beyond:

- **The internal routing form must be included for committee review.**
- **Electronic submissions should be submitted as one combined PDF including the routing form and application.**
 - **Any additional supporting documentation including letters of support, photocopies of VISAS, Green cards, or progress notes should be included in this PDF.**