

University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant (ACS IRG)

**Deadline: Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5pm**

**Research Support for Cancer-Related Research  
Individual Application**

**Submission & Budget Guidelines**

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 with relevance to any aspect of basic, translational, or clinical cancer research.

**ACS IRG awards are \$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 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](mailto: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 Cancer Relevance
      - 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.**