

DAMON RUNYON CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION: CLINICAL INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Purpose: The Cancer Research Fund of the Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Foundation is delighted to enter the third year of a new program to help rescue an endangered species—physicians willing to devote their careers to the development and application of new diagnostic approaches and therapeutic strategies for cancer and cancer prevention through clinical investigation. Earmarked for young physicians wishing to commit themselves to substantive and innovative clinical research, the award bridges the gap between the research laboratory and patient care.

Term/Amount: The awardee and his/her senior mentor will receive financial support for up to five years, as well as assistance for certain research costs such as the purchase of equipment. Upon successful completion of the clinical investigator award program, the Fund will also retire up to \$100,000 of any medical school debt still owed by the awardee.

Awardee stipend: \$100,000/year for 5 years

Mentor stipend: \$30,000/year for years 1 and 2; \$20,000 for year 3; and \$15,000 for year 4.

Research allowance: \$75,000/year for first 4 years; \$100,000 for year 5.

Contact: For further details, please contact the Cancer Research Fund at 212-697-9550.

BROAD MEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM: INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE GRANTS

Purpose: The Broad Medical Research Program (BMRP) is part of The Eli and Edythe L. Broad Foundation. The BMRP seeks to stimulate innovative research that will lead to both the prevention and cure of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). The BMRP's goal is to fund basic or clinical research projects that: (a) are in the early stages of exploration; (b) propose new directions or ideas; (c) are creative, novel, cutting edge and imaginative; and (d) are not ready for funding by other more traditional granting agencies. All proposals must be based on sound scientific evidence and careful evaluation of current knowledge in IBD research. In addition, the BMRP wants to attract well-trained scientists who are not currently working in IBD to apply their knowledge, expertise and techniques to IBD research. Interdisciplinary collaboration is strongly encouraged. Applicant organizations must be not-for-profit, such as universities, hospitals and research institutes, and can be from either inside or outside of the U.S.A.

Term/Amount: Most grants will not exceed \$100,000/year; however, the BMRP will consider larger requests if required for the project. Funding will be for one year at a

time. Continued funding may be possible based on progress reports and the perceived value of the findings. It is anticipated that the BMRP will not fund projects after sufficient progress and maturity have made them fundable by other agencies.

Contact: Requests for funding must be preceded by a brief (one to three pages) Letter of Interest, stating the title of the project and describing the specific hypothesis or idea to be investigated, including its relevance and significance to IBD. The Letter of Interest should provide sufficient detail so that the reviewer can appreciate the innovative nature of the idea, the approach and methodology. The Letter of Interest should also provide information about the investigators' qualifications, the laboratory or clinical environment and the estimated total budget needed for the project. Supportive data, such as curriculum vitae, manuscripts or initial experimental data, may be attached. Investigators whose Letters of Interest appear to fit the BMRP's aims will be invited to submit a full proposal. Letters of Interest are to be directed to: Daniel Hollander, MD, Director, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Grants, Broad Medical Research Program, The Eli and Edythe L. Broad Foundation, 10900 Wilshire Blvd., 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90024-6532. For more information, view the website at www.broadmedical.org, or e-mail info@broadmedical.org or call 310-954-5091.

Deadline: There are no deadlines for receipt of Letters of Interest, which can be submitted any time.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY: RESEARCH SCHOLAR GRANTS FOR BEGINNING INVESTIGATORS

Purpose: Awarded to investigators in the first eight years of their independent research careers to support basic, preclinical, clinical, and epidemiologic research projects.

Term/Amount: Initial awards are made for up to four years and for up to \$250,000 per year.

Contact: American Cancer Society, Inc. Extramural Grants Department, 1599 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329-4251. Voice: (404) 329-7558 Fax: (404) 321-4669 Web site: <http://www.cancer.org> Email: grants@cancer.org

Deadline: April 1 and October 15.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY: RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY GRANTS FOR BEGINNING AND SENIOR INVESTIGATORS (ROG)

Purpose: Research Opportunity Grants provide rapid, one-time funding for novel ideas or for targeting urgent problems with immediate human benefit.

Term/Amount: One time awards are made for up to \$75,000 for one year. There is no deadline; however, a letter