



Request for Research Proposals

Prostate Cancer Foundation Young Investigator Awards

Award Description

The Prostate Cancer Foundation is pleased to announce a new funding program for Young/Early Career Prostate Cancer Researchers. Consistent with our goal to end death and suffering from prostate cancer, we would like to focus efforts on developing another gifted “cohort” of human capital in prostate cancer research. Highly innovative basic science programs will be carefully considered, but priority will be given to “bench to bedside” translational research proposals with the potential to deliver near term benefit to patients.

The PCF intends to fund 100 Young Investigators (The PCF 100) over the next five years. The organization intends to award about 15 in 2008.

The awards will be three (3) years in duration and will provide \$75,000 per year. The award’s funds may be used flexibly to advance the career and research efforts of the awardee. This, for example, includes funding “protected time” or direct costs for experiments. Documentation of an equal in-kind level of support will be requested in the form of dedicated space, equipment, institutional overhead, core institutional resources, etc. The documentation required is a letter from the Cancer Center Director or Departmental Chairperson which confirms institutional commitment to the career development of the PCF Young Investigator while under the direct supervision of a Mentor. Mentorship is required for every PCF Young Investigator applicant and grantee. Young Investigator awardees and their Mentors will be invited to the annual PCF Scientific Research Retreat in Lake Tahoe.

Applicants need not be trained specifically in clinical prostate cancer research. However, successful applicants should be working in a research environment capable of supporting potentially high impact prostate cancer research. Access to and interaction with a clinical environment and translational prostate cancer physician-scientists is highly desirable.

Research proposals submitted in consideration for this award should, if successful, provide high impact to the field. “Small-step” or incremental proposals are unlikely to be competitive.

Applications are encouraged from early-career basic scientists, medical oncologists, pathologists, urologists, radiologists, radiation oncologists, public health experts, or professionals from other medical research disciplines.

Requirements

1. Applicant should be within six-years following completion of a professional degree or clinical training such as MD, PhD, MD-PhD, MPH, or equivalent.
2. Applicant may hold title of Senior Postdoctoral Fellow, Instructor, Research Associate, Assistant Professor, or equivalent.
3. Applicant should have received no more than \$200,000 in direct research funding from all sources including institutional funds. Investigators who have specifically received young investigator research support from the NCI, NIH, or DoD are still qualified and encouraged to apply.
4. A three (3) year research proposal no greater than ten (10) pages is required. PCF welcomes preliminary data in the ten-pages of text but does not have a strict data requirement. One half page of the ten-page proposal should describe how this research may benefit patients with advanced prostate cancer. The ten-page limit applies only to the proposal.
5. Two letters of support indicating the applicant's strengths and potential to become an independent investigator at the end of the PCF Young Investigator Award are required. One from the applicant's Mentor. The second from the applicant's Departmental Chairperson or Cancer Center Director.
6. Letter from the applicant's Departmental Chairperson demonstrating that "matching in-kind support" is available for in the form of dedicated space, institutional overhead, institutional core research facilities, etc.
7. The applicant's NIH short form CV.
8. Merge all components of the application into a single pdf prior to submission.

Completed applications should be submitted electronically to <http://www.pcfscience.org>. Applications submitted through other means will not be reviewed.

Please direct questions to: applications@prostatecancerfoundation.org

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THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THESE APPLICATIONS IS
Wednesday, April 16, 2008 11:59PM Pacific Standard Time

IN FAIRNESS TO ALL, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE