

Kidney Cancer Association

Young Investigator Award (YIA)

The Kidney Cancer Association announces an increase of its Young Investigator Award from two to four individual grants and a funding increase from \$50,000 to \$75,000 per grant. The four awards will be distributed in Fall 2019 to young investigators promoting novel advancements in kidney cancer research.

Focus: The purpose of these four research awards is to provide funding to promising young investigators to encourage and promote quality research in kidney cancer. The hope is that by supporting investigators that are early in their career, with the support and guidance of appropriate mentorship, the awardees will continue to develop their research interests in kidney cancer, which will lead to significant advances in the field. Proposals should be projects that can be realistically accomplished in one year and will provide sufficient preliminary data to lead to potential further funding through other granting mechanisms. Any and all proposals will be evaluated through the Letter of Intent Process.

All application materials will be submitted electronically in PDF format, in English, to grants@kidneycancer.org.

All questions regarding the grant application process should be submitted to grants@kidneycancer.org.

Applicant: Applicants must have a doctoral degree (M. D., D. O., Ph. D.) and hold an academic rank no higher than Assistant Professor (Instructor, Fellow).

Funding: \$75,000 over one year. Funding will be distributed on October 7, 2019. The funding is to be used solely for research costs, with a maximum of 5% utilized for institutional indirect costs if necessary. The funding cannot be used for the investigator's salary support or things not directly related to the proposed research (travel, society memberships, etc.). The research award can be used to support the salaries of research personnel directly involved in the conduct of the research proposed.

Timeline for the Application and Granting Process:

- April 17, 2019: Call for Letters of Intent
- May 20, 2019: Final Day to submit Letters of Intent
- June 10, 2019: Final Day that Meritorious Proposals will be notified to proceed with preparation and submission of a full proposal for evaluation
- August 5, 2019: Final Day to submit Full Proposal for academic review
- September 9, 2019: The four Young Investigator Award winners will be notified and announced publicly
- October 7, 2019: \$75,000 awards will be distributed to four award winners
- October 7, 2020: Final Progress Report on 1st year of research progress due

Reviewers: An independent panel of reviewers, identified by our Medical Steering Committee, who are recognized experts in the field will be assembled to conduct a blinded scored review of the letters of intent and the final proposals based on published NIH guidelines. Members with a conflict of interest on a given proposal will recuse themselves from the deliberation.

Letters of Intent: Applicants will submit a two page, single spaced, Arial 11 font proposal in PDF format for review. The proposal should highlight the background, relevance, and the potential impact of the research proposed. Hypotheses or specific aims to be tested should be clearly stated and a brief review of the methodology should be included. A statement of how this research will advance the field regarding the potential impact on patient care must be included. Relevant references should also be cited in the document.

Accompanying Documentation: Accompanying the Letter of Intent should be the contact information and biosketch of the applicant and the proposed mentor for the project, as well as a one paragraph personal statement from the applicant regarding their background and commitment to research in the field of kidney cancer. Relevant IRB approved protocols for use of human or animal specimens in the proposed research should also be included. Supporting documentation from a pharmaceutical company should be included if a drug is proposed in the research plan. The applicant should identify a mentor for the proposed research and a letter of support, including a mentorship plan for the year of research, should be included from the

mentor. Finally, a letter of support from the applicant's department or division chairman should accompany the letter of intent.

Applicants will be notified by email as to the status of their letter of intent by June 10, 2019.

Full Proposals:

Meritorious applicants selected to submit a full proposal will submit a 4 page, single spaced, Arial font 11 document in PDF format. All relevant graphs, tables, and figures must be included within the 4 pages. The document should elaborate on the background and work done to date. Specific Aims must be clearly stated and the methodology to accomplish the specific aims detailed, including alternative methods should the primary plan go awry. The potential impact on the care of patients with kidney cancer must be stated. Timelines and actionable goals of the research plan should be highlighted, including the feasibility of completing the research in the one year time frame. Relevant literature should be cited. A budget and a justification for said budget must be included.

Award winners will be notified by September 9, 2019 and funds will be dispersed by October 7, 2019.

Award winners must agree to present their research at the annual International Kidney Cancer Symposium held in the United States, after the completion of their year of research.