

Kidney Cancer Association Young Investigator Award (YIA)

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.

All application materials will be submitted electronically in PDF format, in English, via
<https://kidneycancer.submittable.com/submit>

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, 2020. 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:

March 18, 2020: Call for Full Proposal submissions

August 5, 2020: Final Day to submit Full Proposal

September 16, 2020: The four Young Investigator Award winners will be notified and announced publicly

October 7, 2020: \$75,000 awards will be distributed to four award winners

October 7, 2021: 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.

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 16, 2020 and funds will be dispersed by October 7, 2020.

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.