

BASSER INITIATIVE @ GRAY FOUNDATION TEAM SCIENCE GRANTS RFP

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Mission of the Basser Initiative Team Science Grant Program is to fund highly meritorious research projects that bring together the best minds in cancer research to develop new therapies, prevention approaches, and better understanding of the fundamental mechanisms at play in BRCA-related cancers. The funded research projects will be multidisciplinary and, preferably, multi-institutional.

The funding will be for a period of 3-5 years for a total of up to \$3-5 million (up to \$1 million/year). The Gray Foundation plans to award 2-4 grants.

ELIGIBILITY AND REVIEW CRITERIA

- Investigators must hold a medical or other doctoral degree and have a faculty appointment at an academic, medical, or research institution equivalent to an Assistant Professor, or higher.
- Applicants must be academic, medical, or research institutions anywhere in the world.
- For-profit enterprises are not eligible to apply, but may be listed as collaborators. However, no grant funds may be directed to collaborators working within a for-profit industry.
- Specific projects already receiving funding from the Gray Foundation or the Basser Center are not eligible (no overlap allowed).
- Applicants with questions about eligibility should contact the Gray Foundation (grants@grayfoundation.org) prior to submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI).

REVIEW PROCESS

The Gray Foundation Scientific Committee will review all LOIs and will identify meritorious proposals that will be invited for the submission of a full application. Decisions on LOIs will be provided by January 15, 2019. Invited Full Proposals will also be reviewed by the Gray Foundation Scientific Committee, which will provide recommendation for funding.

The following criteria will be considered for each application (see details in program guidelines):

- Innovation
- Significance
- Approach
- Clinical/Translational Potential
- Investigators/Team/Environment

LOI SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals are due by 12:00 pm (noon) United States Eastern Time on December 17, 2018. Please submit proposals to grants@grayfoundation.org. Confirmation of receipt will be emailed within 1 business day. Please contact us if you do not receive a confirmation.

A complete LOI must include:

- Investigator Information/Signature form (see below)
- Project Description Form (see below, 2 pages, 12pt font). Must include: title, lay summary, background and rationale, specific aims, research design and methods, innovation, team description
- References (1 page)
- Applicant's NIH Biosketch

Each component is described in more detail below.

INQUIRIES

Inquiries about the program guidelines, eligibility requirements, application materials, and application status can be directed to the Gray Foundation at grants@grayfoundation.org.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE

Full Name: _____
Last (Family) First (Given) Middle Initial

Degree: MD PhD MD, PhD PharmD Other: _____

Title/Position: _____

Department: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing _____

_____ *City State Zip Code*

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Assistant's Name: _____

Assistant's E-mail: _____

Project Title: _____

Authorizing Signatures

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete as of this date. If an award is made as a result of this proposal, I understand that my institution will be required to administer it in accordance with the policies of the Gray Foundation.

PI Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

DEPARTMENT CHAIR: The attached application is approved. It is within the total program and academic objectives of the Department. Adequate space is available for the conduct of the project. The scope of research described herein is realistic. The information contained in the proposal is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge. We acknowledge the indirect cost policy of the Gray Foundation and understand that any grant awarded will be subject to the institution's agreement to that policy.

Name: _____

Department Chair Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Two (2) pages maximum. Margins must be no less than 0.75 inches. Font size for body of the text must be 12 point, and no smaller than 8 point type for figures, legends, and tables. Single-spacing is acceptable. Please include the following sections:

1. Title
2. Lay summary (<300 words)
3. Background and rationale
4. Specific aims
5. Research design and methods
6. Innovation
7. Team Description

REFERENCES

References cited in the proposal can be included on a separate page (one page).

NIH BIOSKETCH

Please include your NIH Biosketch with your submission.