

**GRAY FOUNDATION BRCA TEAM SCIENCE PROGRAM
 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2022
 LOI PHASE**

LOI Release Date: December 12, 2022

LOI Due Date: February 1, 2023

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Gray Foundation has a dual mission: to transform the lives of individuals born with BRCA mutations by accelerating research into BRCA-associated cancers, and to improve the lives of low-income youth in New York City by ensuring access to education and quality healthcare. Since 2012, Mindy and Jon Gray have donated \$160M towards research, treatment, and awareness of BRCA-related cancers.

The mission of this new grant cycle is to fund research projects that bring together the best minds in cancer research to study BRCA-associated precancer and early cancerous lesions in order to develop new prevention, early detection, and interception approaches.

The funding will be for a period of 3 years with a budget of up to \$1 million/year. The Foundation plans to award multiple grants and is willing to consider multiple applications from the same institution. The Gray Foundation is committed to health equity and values diversity and inclusion in its funded research programs.

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 entity.
- Questions about eligibility should be sent to the Gray Foundation (grants@grayfoundation.org) prior to submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI).

REVIEW PROCESS

The Gray Foundation will review all LOIs submitted and will invite selected applicants to submit full proposals. Decisions on LOIs will be provided by March 3, 2023 and more details regarding full proposal submission and deadlines will be provided at that time. Invited full proposals will be reviewed by the Gray Foundation Scientific Committee, which will provide recommendations 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

Letters of Intent (LOI) are due by 12:00 pm (noon) United States Eastern Time on February 1, 2023.

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)
- NIH Biosketches

Each component is described in more detail below.

QUESTIONS?

Email: grants@grayfoundation.org

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION

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 the NIH Biosketches for the PI and key team members.