Powerful Research. Faster Results.
About MRA

• Founded in 2007 by Debra & Leon Black with the help of Mike Milken.

• Mission: *to end suffering and death due to melanoma by collaborating with all stakeholders to accelerate powerful research, advance cures for all patients, and prevent more melanomas.*

• Largest non-profit funder of melanoma research in the world, granting $110 million to 312 research projects at 144 different institutions across 18 countries.
MRA awards accelerate transformative advances in melanoma research through strategic investment in better prevention, diagnostic, and treatment approaches.
MRA Grant Award Mechanisms

• **Team Research:** requires multidisciplinary teams and involvement of a Young Investigator. $900k and up over 3-years.

• **Young Investigator:** within four years of first faculty appointment, requires a mentorship commitment from a senior investigator. $225k over 3-years.

• **Established Investigator:** past their first four years of appointment with an established record of scientific productivity. $375k over 3-years.

• **Pilot:** test potentially transformative ideas that may not have extensive data, but articulate a clear hypothesis – “high-risk, high-reward.” $100k over 2-years.

• **Dermatology Fellow:** engaging clinical dermatologists in melanoma research, require mentorship and fellowship in Derm Department. $35k for 1-year.
## Allocations of Awards/Funds by Mechanism

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<th>Award Mechanism</th>
<th># of Grants</th>
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MRA Grant Awards

The Melanoma Research Alliance is the largest non-profit funder of melanoma research worldwide. Since 2007, we have committed more than $110 million in funding and leveraged an additional $200 million from other sources. Learn more about MRA Grant Mechanisms here.

Type: Any
Country: Any
Keyword:
Institution:
Investigator:

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Institution ▼ Type ▼ Awarded ▼ Investigator ▼
Measuring Impact of Funded Research

- Impact assessments completed in 2015 and again in 2018;
- Assessment completed via post-award survey of investigators and data review in Dimensions; and
- As of 2018 study, assessed first 107 completed projects.

Some Indicators Assessed:
- Completion of stated aims
- Follow-on funding
- Issued Patents
- Clinical Trials
- Publications
MRA Annual Scientific Retreat

• Occurs 1st Quarter of each year, focused on exchange of cutting-edge research, sharing of pre-published data for critical insights/feedback.

• Proceeded by Patient Forum (Melanoma > Exchange) Open-Invite.

• Scientific meeting is Invite-only – includes ~ 300 Participants:
  • 65% Physician/Scientists/Researchers
  • 15% Industry/Biotech Representatives (25 companies)
  • 15% Patient, Patient Advocates & Non-profits
  • 5% Government Representatives – FDA/NCI/NIH

• Industry Roundtable with FDA Participation
Support for Clinical Trials

1. **New Melanoma Exchange**
   - A melanoma research & treatment discussion group and support community.
   - Join the Conversation
   - On the Inspire platform with 1700+ members
   - Moderated by melanoma survivors who have benefitted from clinical trials

2. **Trial Navigator**
   - Powered by Antidote
   - Maps on top of Clinicaltrials.gov – but with info presented in a patient friendly manner
   - 7800 unique visitors in first 20 months.

3. **Fight Back**
   - Social media campaign with toolkit including social media content, patient stories and more. Launched 2.25.19
   - CureMelanoma.org/FightBack
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