

**Melanoma**  
**Research Alliance**

Powerful Research. Faster Results.



# About MRA

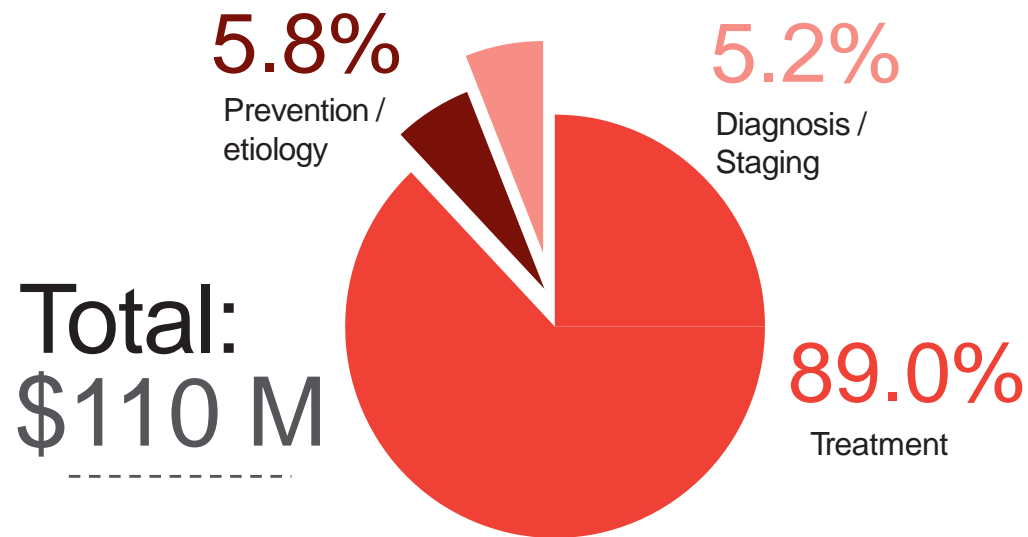
- Founded in 2007 by Debra & Leon Black with the help of Mike Milken.
- Mission: *to end suffering and death due to melanoma by collaborating with all stakeholders to accelerate powerful research, advance cures for all patients, and prevent more melanomas.*
- Largest non-profit funder of melanoma research in the world, granting \$110 million to 312 research projects at 144 different institutions across 18 countries.

100%

OF DONATIONS TO MRA SUPPORT  
MELANOMA RESEARCH

[WWW.CUREMELANOMA.ORG](http://WWW.CUREMELANOMA.ORG)

# Research Funding to Date



MRA awards accelerate transformative advances in melanoma research through strategic investment in better prevention, diagnostic, and treatment approaches

265

UNIQUE  
THERAPEUTIC  
APPROACHES  
STUDIES

44

CLINICAL TRIALS  
SUPPORTED BY  
MRA

12

MELANOMA  
TREATMENTS  
APPROVED SINCE  
2011

# 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

Award Mechanism	# of Grants	Funds Awarded
Team Science	79	\$62,534,914
Young Investigator	105	\$18,794,984
Established Investigator	75	\$21,175,677
Pilot	28	\$2,549,842
Industry Partnership	16	\$4,186,589
Dermatology Fellows	9	\$315,000

# CureMelanoma.org/Grants



## RESEARCH

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MRA Grant Mechanisms

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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](#).

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Investigator

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# 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.

Funding Mechanism	Amount Funded	Amount of Follow-on Funding	ROI (Additional Funding/Award Funding)
Pilot	\$1,100,000	\$5,195,500	4.7
Established Investigator	\$7,525,000	\$51,401,700	6.8
Team Science	\$27,448,516	\$70,755,112	2.6
Young Investigator	\$4,774,180	\$25,993,541	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,752,696</b>	<b>\$153,645,853</b>	<b>3.6</b>

Award Mechanisms	Number of Awards	Number of Patent Applications	Number of Patents Awarded
Pilot	13	4	2
Established Investigator	31	10	4
Team Science	32	26	16
Young Investigator	28	10	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>28</b>

Award Mechanism	Number of Awards	Number of Publications	Number of Presentations	Number of Collaborations
Pilot	13	26	23	26
Established Investigator	31	136	332	77
Academic-Industry Partnership	2	7	8	4
Team Science	32	212	306	123
Team Science Industry Partnership	1	35	6	0
Young Investigator	28	127	152	77
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>307</b>

## 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.
- Preceded 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

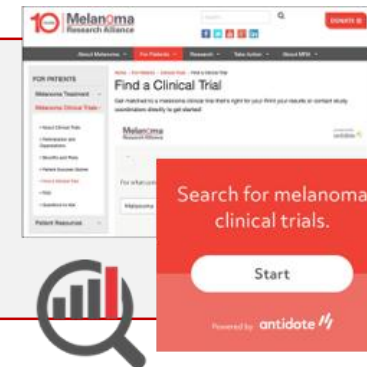
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- On the Inspire platform with 1700+ members
- Moderated by melanoma survivors who have benefitted from clinical trials

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- 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



Social media campaign with toolkit including social media content, patient stories and more. Launched 2.25.19  
[CureMelanoma.org/FightBack](http://CureMelanoma.org/FightBack)

**ANY  
QUESTIONS?**

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