Conquer Cancer Grants & Awards Program
Grant Review Process and Selection Criteria

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Mission
Conquering cancer through research, education, and promotion of the highest quality, equitable patient care.

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Accelerate breakthroughs in lifesaving research and empower people everywhere to conquer cancer.

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Building a Diverse Pipeline of Cancer Researchers

Awards to provide mentoring opportunities for medical school students and residents underrepresented in medicine (domestic only)

Mentored Grants for Early-Career Scientists to develop into independent investigators (domestic and international)

Grants for Independent and Senior Investigators to devote to patient-oriented research, and to serve as mentors for beginning clinical investigators (domestic and international)

Medical Students, Residents

Trainees/Fellows

Junior Faculty

Mid-Career

Established

Medical Student Rotation
Annual Meeting Research Award
Oncology Summer Internship
Merit Award

Young Investigator Award
Career Development Award
Advanced Clinical Research Award
Research Professorship

Global Oncology Young Investigator Award

Long-term International Fellowship

International Development and Education Award
Merit Award

*International Innovation Grant (all career stages)
Scoring and Review Criteria

**Scoring:** NIH 1-9-point scale to represent the overall impact of an application

**Scientific Reviewers:**
- Hypothesis-driven proposal, significance, feasibility and approach (~35%)
- Mentor and mentoring plan (~30%)
- Career development (~25%)
- Availability of institutional resources (~10%)

**Biostatistical Reviewers:** Biostatistical rigor, Biostatistical plan and Letter of support

**Patient Advocate Reviewers:** Layperson Abstract, Patient Advocate Form, and the patient advocate letter of support *(required for clinical proposals only)*

**Feedback:** Comments must be constructive and reflect the score (identify strengths and weaknesses)
Grant Review Process

Internal review

- Staff checks the applications for program eligibility and completeness

Phase I

- Scientific Reviewers (Primary and Secondary) review and score

  Cutoff derived at this stage

Phase II

- Biostatistician and Patient Advocates review and score

- An average score is determined from the Scientific Review Stage and Biostatistician and Patient Advocate Review Stage

  Cutoff derived at this stage

Final Review Stage

- Applications that make the cutoff advance to Final Review and are discussed and scored by all the committee members
Final Review - Grant Selection Meeting

• The assigned reviewers present a summary of their critique and justify their initial scores.
• The Chair summarizes the discussion, and each member of the committee provides their final score.
• A cutoff score is derived after the Final Review Meeting to determine the fundable slate.
Program Evaluation and Metrics of Success

- Still in research
- Career advancement
- Publishing in high profile research journals
- Research led to advancement of the field
- Subsequent research funding
- Leadership positions
- Review of annual progress reports
- Collect data on patient success stories
- Collect information on status of Clinical trial
- Communicate Impact of funded research with Donors