

**University of Maryland
Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center**

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant (ACS IRG)

Deadline: Thursday, April 22, 2010 by 4:30 p.m.

**Research Support for Cancer Disparities Research
Individual Application**

Submission & Budget Guidelines

The University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center (UMGCC) announces the availability of American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grants for junior faculty to conduct cancer related research projects.

Investigator Eligibility

- Only junior level faculty members are eligible for the ACS IRG. Junior investigators are faculty within 6 years of their first independent faculty appointment or equivalent (e.g., Instructor, Assistant Professor, Research Assistant Professor). Investigators who have already received a peer-reviewed national research grant are not eligible to apply. NIH Career Development (K) awards do not count as peer-reviewed national research grants for this purpose. Investigators who have received prior support from the ACS Institutional Research Grant are not eligible.
- Citizens, non-citizen nationals, and permanent residents of the United States and its possessions or territories are eligible. Permanent Residents must submit evidence to indicate that they have an Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-551) or have been approved for the issuance of an I-551 card. This approval would be indicated by an official passport stamp of the U.S. Immigration Service referencing the I-551 card.
- Non-faculty (e.g., residents, fellows) are not eligible.

Research Project Criteria

Projects that specifically focus on cancer in the poor and underserved. \$30,000 total

Funding Limits

ACS IRG awards range from \$10,000-\$30,000.

- Allowable expenses include:
 - Research supplies and animal maintenance
 - Technical assistance
 - Domestic travel, when necessary to carry out the proposed research program
 - Publication costs, including reprints
 - Costs of computer time
 - Special fees (pathology, photography, etc.)
 - Stipends for graduate students and postdoctoral assistants if their role is to promote and sustain the project presented by the junior faculty member
 - Equipment costing less than \$2,000. Special justification is necessary for items exceeding this amount, and permission must be obtained from the Society's Extramural Grants Department for the purchase of such equipment.

- Non-allowable expenditures include:
 - Registration fees at scientific meetings
 - Secretarial/administrative salaries
 - Investigator/faculty salary support
 - Tuition
 - Foreign travel; however, special consideration will be given for attendance at scientific meetings held in Canada
 - Books and periodicals
 - Honoraria and travel expenses for visiting lecturers
 - Per-diem charges for hospital beds
 - Non-medical services to patients
 - Construction, renovation, or maintenance of buildings/laboratories
 - Office and laboratory furniture
 - Office equipment and supplies
 - Rental of office or laboratory space
 - Recruiting and relocation expenses
 - Membership dues

Questions regarding your proposed budget can be addressed to Helen Mourat, Grants Administration, at 410-328-0741 or hmourat@umm.edu

Award Period

The award period for the ACS IRG grant will be one year from approximately July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Submission Guidelines

- All applications must be submitted using the UMGCC ACS IRG Individual Application for Research Support Form. This form and other required forms are listed below and also found on the UMGCC website at: http://www.umgcc.org/research/acsirg_b.htm The application for an Institutional Research Grant includes:
 - Application for an Individual Allocation from American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant #IRG – 9922504 (which includes biographical information, an abstract of the proposed research, project description, and proposed budget) **Link to this form:** http://www.umgcc.org/research/ind_app_res.doc The Application should be signed only by the submitting investigator and the appropriate Department Chair.
 - Completed paper Grant Routing Form with your dept. chair's signature only (Dean's signature not necessary for these purposes) **Link to this form:** http://www.umgcc.org/research/ACS_Routing.doc
- Description of proposed research in the Application for an Individual Allocation from American Cancer Society Institutional Research grant is **limited to 10 pages using 11 pt. Arial font as a Word document** and should include:
 - **Sections A-C (up to 3 pages total)**
 - A. Specific Aims**
 - B. Background and Relevance to Cancer in Poor and Underserved Populations**
 - C. Preliminary Data**
 - **Section D (up to 3 pages)**
 - D. Experimental Approaches.** This section should include a rationale for each series of experiments, details of experimental methods where appropriate, and expected outcomes of the experiments proposed.

- **Sections E-F (up to 1 page total)**
 - E. Significance of the Expected Results**
 - F. Future Directions** (i.e., how this work will lead to a full proposal to the NIH or another national level funding agency).

- **Section G-I (up to 1 page each)**
 - G. Literature Citations**
 - H. Budget**
 - I. Budget Justification**

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Return the signed hard copy and an electronic copy of the application to:

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