The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), a scientific society of more than 35,000 investigators working in all subfields of basic, clinical, and translational cancer research, is extremely pleased to offer AACR Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Awards to eligible minority investigators for participation at the AACR Special Conference entitled, “Tumor Metastasis.” These awards are intended to enhance the education and training of minority researchers and to increase the visibility and recognition of minorities involved in cancer research.

Funds are provided through NCI-Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities to support the travel and participation of a limited number of minority scientists to this conference. Eligible scientists are full-time predoctoral (graduate or medical) students, residents, clinical or postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty who are either engaged in cancer research, or who have training and the potential to make contributions in this field.

This Scholar program applies only to racial/ethnic minority groups which have been defined by the National Cancer Institute as being traditionally underrepresented in cancer and biomedical research; these groups are African Americans/Blacks, Alaskan Natives, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and Native Pacific Islanders. Only citizens of the United States and Canada or scientists who are permanent residents in those countries may receive one of these awards.

**Application Instructions**

A statement from the applicant describing the benefit he/she expects to derive from attending the conference and the reasons for the candidate's interest in the conference; a copy of his/her most recent curriculum vitae and bibliography; and two letters of reference must accompany this application. Please use an extra sheet of paper if additional space is required. Applicants are required to submit a copy of their abstract(s) for this conference with their award application. Applicants will be chosen from both minority institutions and the larger bodies of universities, colleges, and research institutes.

**Selection and Regulations**

Please note that when reviewing applications, the Award Selection Committee will consider the following factors:

- candidates who have submitted an abstract
- first time applicants
- total number of awards an applicant has already received
- financial need for travel funds

Additionally, awardees will be selected on the basis of their qualifications, references from mentors, and an estimation of the potential professional benefit to the awardees. Please keep in mind that because of these factors the total number of awards given to any one applicant will be restricted.

Awardees are required to submit a report commenting on the scientific sessions they attended at the conference, as well as on the Minority Scholar Award Program. If an awardee is unable to attend the conference for which the award is given, the award must be forfeited. Please note that according to IRS regulations, the award is subject to federal income tax. A 1099 misc tax form will be issued to awardees at year-end for the amount of the award.

*The deadline for receipt of applications for this conference is Wednesday, September 16, 2015.* Candidates are strongly encouraged to register for the conference by the application deadline date so as to receive all communications pertaining to the conference, i.e., housing, program updates, schedule of events, etc. The Advance registration deadline is *Monday, October 19, 2015.* If a registered applicant is not selected to receive an award, the applicant will be refunded the full amount of the registration fee should he or she decide not to attend the conference.

Further information regarding the award program can be obtained by visiting the Travel Grants section of the American Association for Cancer Research [Special Conferences](https://aacr.org) website. Please forward inquiries to [micr@aacr.org](mailto:micr@aacr.org).

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**Application must be signed by candidate and nominator.**
AACR Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Awards Program
Supported by a Generous Grant from the NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

AACR Special Conference
Tumor Metastasis
November 30-December 3, 2015 • Hyatt Regency Austin• Austin, TX

1. Applicant Name
   Last ___________________________ First ___________________________ M.I. ___________________________

2. Position Title (please check only one)
   □ Graduate Student □ Medical Student □ Postdoctoral Fellow
   □ Resident □ Clinical Fellow □ Assistant Professor □ Other (specify): ______________________________________

3. Institutional Address □ Preferred mailing address
   Department ____________________________________________________________
   Institution ____________________________________________________________
   Mailing Address _________________________________________________________
   City ___________________________ State/Province ___________ Zip Code ___________________________
   Telephone Number ___________________________ Cell Phone ___________________________
   (area code and number) (area code and number)
   E-Mail Address __________________________________________________________

4. Home Address □ Preferred mailing address
   Mailing Address _________________________________________________________
   Street _________________________________________________________________
   City ___________________________ State/Province ___________ Zip Code ___________________________
   Telephone Number ___________________________ Cell Phone ___________________________
   (area code and number) (area code and number)
   E-Mail Address __________________________________________________________

5. Citizenship (Please check only one) (Note: Only citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada are eligible for this award.)
   □ U.S. □ Canada □ Permanent Resident U.S. □ Permanent Resident Canada

6 Race
   □ African American/Black □ Alaskan Native □ Hispanic American
   □ Native American (Supply Tribe and Number) ________________________________
   □ Native Pacific Islander (Specify) __________________________________________

7. Gender □ Male □ Female

8. Birth Date (Month/Day/Year): ___________________________ 9. Place of Birth: ___________________________ (Country)

9. How did you learn about the availability of the AACR Minority Scholar Award?
   □ AACR Website □ AACR E-mail □ AACR Mailing □ Colleague □ Other ________________________________
### Education
10. Please list all degrees conferred or to be conferred, beginning with the most recent.

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### Scientific Research
11. What is your current primary research area (please check only one)?

- [ ] Behavioral Research
- [ ] Biochemistry & Biophysics
- [ ] Biostatistics
- [ ] Carcinogenesis
- [ ] Cellular Biology
- [ ] Chemistry
- [ ] Clinical Investigations
- [ ] Computational Biology
- [ ] Endocrinology
- [ ] Epidemiology
- [ ] Genetics and Genomics
- [ ] Immunology
- [ ] Molecular Biology
- [ ] Molecular Biology & Experimental Molecular Therapeutics
- [ ] Prevention Research
- [ ] Research Administration / Business Development
- [ ] Virology
- [ ] Other

12. Describe your laboratory research experience in the field of cancer research.

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13. Describe your long-range educational and research training goals, as well as your career objectives in cancer and biomedical research.

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________________________________________________________________________________________________________

14. Within your institution, community, or the cancer field, do you serve or have served in any voluntary professional capacity?

- [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If yes, please explain:

  Institution ____________________________________________________________________________________________

- [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If yes, please explain:

  Community ____________________________________________________________________________________________

- [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If yes, please explain:

  Cancer Field _________________________________________________________________________________________

15. Regarding research focused on minority populations:

Are you currently engaged?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  
Have you previously been engaged:  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

16. Are you author or co-author of an abstract(s) submitted for consideration for presentation at the AACR Special Conference on Tumor Metastasis? If yes, a copy of your abstract(s) must accompany this application.

- [ ] Yes  [ ] No

If yes, are you listed as the Presenter of this proffered paper?

- [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Title of Abstract: ____________________________
17. Please enclose letters of reference from two faculty members from your institute or an institute that you have attended who can comment on both your academic and personal qualifications for this award. Any special information that the nominator can provide which would distinguish this applicant as a qualified minority researcher is welcomed.

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18. **Assurance and Signature of Applicant** *(Application must be signed by candidate and nominator)*

If awarded, I agree to accept this award to attend the AACR Special Conference entitled, *Tumor Metastasis,* to attend all sessions, and to submit a final report on my attendance at the meeting. I also certify that I am a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada. If I fail to fulfill any of the requirements of the grant, I acknowledge that I will forfeit this award.

Signature __________________________ Date ___________

19. **Institutional Certification** *(please print):*

I certify that the applicant’s statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that, if awarded, the check will be sent directly to the applicant and that there will be no deduction of any indirect costs. Further, I accept the responsibility for ensuring that the total amount of the award is returned to the AACR, if the awardee does not provide a report on his/her attendance at the meeting as specifically requested above.

Signature __________________________ Date ___________

Application Deadline: **Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

Application Checklist: Please use the following checklist to ensure all required materials for application are submitted.

- 1. Official Application Form
- 2. Candidate’s Personal Statement
- 3. Two letters of recommendation
- 4. Candidate’s abstract *(if applicable)*
- 5. Curriculum Vitae (including bibliography)

Please send completed application to:

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Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404
E-Mail: micr@aacr.org
Website: www.aacr.org/MSA