

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Are independent investigators eligible to apply for this grant?

Yes, independent investigators who are employed by an academic, medical, or research institution are eligible to apply. Review the Program Guidelines for more information on eligibility.

2. Are postdoctoral or clinical research fellows eligible to apply for this grant?

No, postdoctoral or clinical research fellows or the equivalent who are working under the auspices of a scientific mentor are not eligible to apply.

3. Do I have to be a citizen of the U.S. to apply for this grant?

No, there are no citizenship or geographic requirements for this grant. However, as outlined in the Program Guidelines, applicants applying from an institution located in a country in which they are not a citizen or a permanent resident are required to assure that their visa status will provide sufficient time to complete the project and grant term at the institution from which they applied.

4. Does my research subject qualify for application to this grant?

These grants are intended to stimulate highly innovative and novel research focused on understanding the influence of the biology of the host (i.e., the patient) on the genesis, development, treatment, and sequelae of cancer. Relevant projects will focus on the interplay between cancer and one or more host physiological systems. For example, proposals to examine the role of the lymphatic system in the immune response to cancer, or to examine how secreted factors from the tumor influence the nervous system would both be in scope. Please note, however, that these examples do not encompass all of the potential research concepts that could be considered for funding. Projects focused on phenomena strictly within the tumor, or interactions between the tumor and its immediate microenvironment, will not be considered. We encourage applicants to contact the AACR if they have any questions about the relevance of their research project to this Request for Proposals.

5. Are collaborators allowed for this grant?

Yes, collaborators are allowed. Grant funds for expenses related to the research project may include salary and benefits of collaborators. While collaborators are allowable, note that co-Principal Investigators are not permitted. Collaborator information is not required at the Letter of Intent stage, but must be included in the full application, if invited.

6. Are indirect costs allowable for this grant?

Yes, indirect costs are allowable expenses for this grant. Budgets submitted at the full application stage (note that budgets are not required at the Letter of Intent stage) may include an indirect costs line item of up to 10% of total direct costs. For more details on specific cost allowances for this grant, please see the Terms and Conditions.

7. What is the application process?

There is a two-step application process:

- a) You will need to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI), which will be peer-reviewed by a Scientific Review Committee. A limited number of applicants whose LOIs are deemed most meritorious will be invited by the committee to submit full applications.

- b) Invited full applications will be further peer-reviewed by the Scientific Review Committee. More information on evaluation criteria for LOI and invited full applications can be found in the Program Guidelines.

8. Can I apply again if unsuccessful this year?

This grant opportunity is not guaranteed to be available next year. If available, you may apply if you still meet all the eligibility criteria as outlined in the Program Guidelines.

9. Who should I contact if I have a question that is not listed here?

Please contact the AACR’s Scientific Review and Grants Administration department (AACR’s SRGA) at grants@aacr.org.

Please contact ProposalCENTRAL for inquiries about the application forms at: 800-875-2562 (Toll-free U.S. and Canada), +1-703-964-5840 (Direct Dial International), or by e-mail to pcsupport@altum.com.