



# **AACR-AstraZeneca Career Development Award for Physician-Scientists, in Honor of José Baselga**

## **2022 Program Guidelines and Competitive Letter of Intent Instructions**

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## **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

### **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

The AACR-AstraZeneca Career Development Award for Physician-Scientists, in Honor of José Baselga has been established to honor the life and legacy of Dr. José Baselga, who was a scientific leader and supportive mentor to an entire generation of physician-scientists. Dr. Baselga's research focused on novel molecular targeted therapeutics and he played a leading role in the clinical development of multiple cancer drugs. The intent of this program is to encourage and support junior physician-scientists to conduct research and bolster the development of innovative targeted therapeutics. The proposed projects may be translational or clinical in nature and focused on all aspects of oncology.

The grant provides \$300,000 over a period of three years for expenses related to the research project, which may include salary and benefits of the grant recipient and any collaborator, postdoctoral or clinical research fellows, graduate students (including tuition costs associated with graduate students' education and training), or research assistants; research/laboratory supplies; equipment; publication charges for manuscripts that pertain directly to the funded project; and other research expenses. Indirect costs are **not** permitted.

### **LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE**

October 19, 2021, at **1:00 p.m.**, U.S. Eastern Time

### **APPLICANTS NOTIFIED OF DECISION STATUS OF LETTER OF INTENT**

December 2021

### **FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE** (*for those invited to apply based on the Letter of Intent*)

February 7, 2022, at **1:00 p.m.**, U.S. Eastern Time

### **NOTIFICATION OF AWARD**

March 2022

### **ANNUAL GRANTS RECEPTION AND DINNER AT AACR ANNUAL MEETING 2022**

April 12, 2022 – Grant recipient must attend the Grants Reception and Dinner to formally accept their grant. Grant funds may be used to support the grantee's registration and attendance at this Annual Meeting.

*In the event of unforeseen scheduling changes for the Grants Reception and Dinner, the Grantee will be contacted regarding alternative arrangements*

### **ASTRAZENECA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT MENTORSHIP**

In addition to research support, grant recipients MAY also receive opportunities for mentoring from AstraZeneca scientists over the course of the grant term. The frequency and format of these opportunities will be determined on a case-by-case basis, to ensure that the mentoring experience is tailored to each specific research project and suits the needs and interests of both the grant recipient and AstraZeneca. Grant recipients are highly encouraged to engage with AstraZeneca in these unique mentoring opportunities to enhance and accelerate their research. The mentorship may also include the opportunity to visit AstraZeneca. AstraZeneca will provide necessary funds for the grant recipient to

travel to and from the AstraZeneca site.

## START OF GRANT TERM

July 1, 2022

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must have a medical degree (MD, MD/PhD, DO, or equivalent) in a related field and not currently be a candidate for a further doctoral degree.

At the start of the grant term on July 1, 2022, applicants must:

- Hold a faculty position with the title of assistant professor, instructor, research assistant professor, or the equivalent. Applicants who have progressed to associate professor appointments are not eligible.
  - If eligibility is based on a future position, the applicant must contact the AACR's Scientific Review and Grants Administration (the AACR's SRGA) at [grants@aacr.org](mailto:grants@aacr.org) before submitting their application for information on additional verification materials/signatures that may be required.
- Be able to commit at least 50% of full-time effort in research (*applies to total research, not just the proposed project*) during the grant term. Commitments less than 50% may be allowed and will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the AACR's SRGA.
- Have completed their most recent doctoral degree or medical residency (or equivalent) - whichever date is later - within the past 11 years (i.e., degree cannot have been conferred before July 1, 2011; the formal date of receipt of doctoral degree is the date the degree was conferred, as indicated on their diploma and/or transcript).
- Have independent laboratory space and be able to hold independent funding as confirmed by their institution.
- Have a valid, active medical license in the country where the research will be conducted
- Work at an academic, medical, or research institution anywhere in the world.
  - There are no citizenship or geographic requirements. However, by submitting an application for this grant, an applicant applying from an institution located in a country in which they are not a citizen or a permanent resident assures that the visa status will provide sufficient time to complete the project and grant term at the institution from which they applied.

*AACR is obligated to comply with U.S. laws and regulations regarding research and related transactions in countries subject to US Government enforcement of economic and trade sanctions for particular foreign policy and national security reasons. If your proposed project involves US Government [sanctioned countries](#) subject to restrictions, please contact the AACR's SRGA at [grants@aacr.org](mailto:grants@aacr.org).*

An exception to the 11-year window may be granted for parental leave or other well-justified leave from research for pressing personal or family situations of generally less than 12 months' duration. Applicants whose experience exceeds the maximum of 11 years but who believe they are eligible should contact the AACR's SRGA **before** submitting an application to verify their eligibility.

Applicants must be AACR **Active** members. Nonmembers interested in this grant opportunity must submit a satisfactory application for AACR Active membership by the Competitive Letter of Intent (LOI)

deadline. **Nonmembers** can apply for membership [online](#). **Members** can renew their membership through [myAACR](#) to bring their membership current. You will need your logon (email address) and password to access the member portal. If you require assistance logging in, please submit a [help form](#). **Lapsed** members must be members in good standing by the LOI deadline and should contact the Membership Department at [membership@aacr.org](mailto:membership@aacr.org) for assistance.

Investigators may submit only **one** application for the AACR-AstraZeneca Career Development Award for Physician-Scientists, in Honor of José Baselga but may concurrently apply for other AACR grants. However, applicants are expected to accept the first grant they are awarded. Current AACR Grantees may apply only if their current grant ends before the start of the grant term of this funding opportunity i.e., grant start date, and must be up to date with all reporting requirements to be considered eligible. Please contact the AACR's SRGA for confirmation before submitting a Letter of Intent.

Employees or subcontractors of a U.S. government entity or for-profit private industry are not eligible. Employees or subcontractors of a U.S. government entity or for-profit private industry may serve as Collaborators, but no grant funds may be directed toward these individuals.

Investigators who are currently, or have been, a Principal Investigator on a substantial independent research award (e.g., an NIH R01 award, DP2 award, DP5 award, MIRA award, or the equivalent) are **not** eligible. Qualified investigators are invited to apply for AACR grants for independent investigators.

Postdoctoral or clinical research fellows or the equivalent who are working under the auspices of a scientific mentor are not eligible to apply. Qualified fellows are invited to apply for an AACR Fellowship.

All applicants with questions about eligibility should contact the AACR's SRGA at [grants@aacr.org](mailto:grants@aacr.org) **before** submitting a Letter of Intent.

## **RESEARCH PROJECT CRITERIA**

Research projects may be in any area of translational or clinical cancer research.

## **COMPETITIVE LETTER OF INTENT DESCRIPTION**

An AACR Competitive Letter of Intent is an application tool designed to identify the projects with the greatest scientific potential and alignment with the Program Guidelines without requiring applicants to first submit a full application. A Letter of Intent is not written as *correspondence* to the Scientific Review Committee, but instead follows a prescribed template which gathers information summarizing the proposed research project. Letters of Intent have also been called "pre-applications", "concept papers", or "letters of inquiry" by other funders.

Letters of Intent are peer-reviewed by the Scientific Review Committee. A limited number of applicants whose Letters of Intent are deemed most meritorious will be invited by the committee to submit full applications.

The Letter of Intent for the AACR-AstraZeneca Career Development Award for Physician-Scientists, in Honor of José Baselga is limited to two pages and must describe the proposed research project, including the Specific Aims; Rationale, Preliminary Data, Methodology, and Approach; Statistical Analysis Plan; and Significance and Statement of Relevance. Relevant references must be attached and are limited to two pages.

The Letter of Intent must be accompanied by:

- Scientific Abstract (limited to 3,000 characters including spaces, which should provide a clear, concise, and comprehensive overview of the proposed research project)
- Applicant's Biographical Sketch
- Applicant Checklist

### **EVALUATION OF COMPETITIVE LETTERS OF INTENT AND INVITED APPLICATIONS**

The Scientific Review Committee that will peer-review the Letters of Intent and invited full applications is comprised of senior researchers and physician-scientists respected for their own accomplishments in cancer research and viewed as leaders in the field.

The Committee will consider the following criteria when reviewing Letters of Intent and invited full applications:

- **Investigator.** What training and experience does the applicant have to ensure successful implementation of the proposed project? Does the applicant have demonstrated capacity to carry out independent research? Is there evidence that the applicant is developing a successful track record in cancer research or that they could make a career commitment to this field?
- **Significance.** Is the scientific and technical merit of the proposed project of significance? Is the proposed project of high quality, and what potential does it have to advance this field and eventually benefit patients?
- **Approach.** Are the overall strategy, design, and methodology well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project within the grant term? Are potential problems, alternative strategies and benchmarks for success presented? Is there an appropriate statistical analysis plan in place to rigorously assess the impact of the data? Is the budget fully justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed project?
- **Institutional Environment.** What evidence is provided of institutional commitment for the scientific development of the applicant? What support, equipment, and resources will be available to the applicant and are they adequate to successfully complete the proposed project?

### **TOBACCO INDUSTRY FUNDING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

Scientific investigators or health professionals who are funded by the tobacco industry for any research project are not eligible for any AACR grant. Grantees who accept funding from the tobacco industry for any research project during the term of an AACR grant must inform the AACR of such funding, whereupon the AACR grant will immediately be terminated.

Tobacco industry funding is defined for purposes of AACR grant applicants and recipients as money provided or used for all or any of the costs of any research project, including personnel, consumables, equipment, buildings, travel, meetings and conferences, and operating costs for laboratories and offices. It is not defined as money provided or used for meetings or conferences that do not relate to any particular research projects.

Tobacco industry funding includes: funds from a company that is engaged in or has affiliates engaged in the manufacture of tobacco produced for human use; funds in the name of a tobacco brand, whether or not the brand name is used solely for tobacco products; funds from a body set up by the tobacco industry or by one or more companies engaged in the manufacture of tobacco products.

The following do not constitute tobacco industry funding for the purposes of this policy:

- Legacies from tobacco industry investments (unless the names of a tobacco company or cigarette brand are associated with them)
- Funding from a trust or foundation established with assets related to the tobacco industry but no longer having any connection with the tobacco industry even though it may bear a name that (for historical reasons) is associated with the tobacco industry

## LETTER OF INTENT INSTRUCTIONS

### LETTER OF INTENT PROCEDURES

The AACR requires applicants to complete an online Letter of Intent submission by **1:00 p.m.** U.S. Eastern Time on **October 19, 2021**, using the ProposalCentral website at <https://proposalcentral.com>.

In order to submit a complete Letter of Intent, applicants need to enter information directly into the online submission platform as well as upload a number of documents. The following instructions provide details about information that needs to be entered and the materials that need to be uploaded. The section numbering corresponds to the section number of the Letter of Intent Instructions and the online ProposalCentral Letter of Intent.

Information to be Entered Directly into ProposalCentral	Letter of Intent Instructions Section	ProposalCentral Section
Project Title and Acknowledgement of Terms of Conditions	1. Title Page	1) Title Page
Applicant Information	4. Applicant	4) Applicant
Institution and Contact Information	5. Institution & Contacts	5) Institution & Contacts
Scientific Abstract	6. Scientific Abstract	6) Scientific Abstract

Templates	Letter of Intent Instructions Section	ProposalCentral Section
Letter of Intent Template	7.A. Letter of Intent Documents	7) Letter of Intent Documents

Additional Materials	Letter of Intent Instructions Section	ProposalCentral Section
Applicant's Biographical Sketch	7.B. Letter of Intent Documents	7) Letter of Intent Documents
Applicant Checklist	7.C. Letter of Intent Documents	7) Letter of Intent Documents

Required Signatures	Letter of Intent Instructions Section	ProposalCentral Section
Application Signature Page	7.D. Letter of Intent Documents	10) Signature Page(s)

### GETTING STARTED IN ProposalCentral

If you are a new user of ProposalCentral, click the orange "CREATE ONE NOW!" button and complete the registration process. After logging in, complete your Professional Profile (green tab) before starting a Letter of Intent.

If you are already registered with ProposalCentral, access the site and log in with your Username and Password. If you have forgotten your login information, click on the "Forgot Your Username/Password?" link.

To start a Letter of Intent, select the "Grant Opportunities" tab (gray tab). A list of grant opportunities will be displayed. The list of applications can be filtered for just this organization by clicking "Filter by Grant Maker" at the top and selecting "American Association for Cancer Research" in the drop-down menu. Find the "AACR-AstraZeneca Career Development Award for Physician-Scientists, in Honor of José Baselga" and click the blue "Apply Now" button in the "Apply" column.



If you have any difficulties registering, logging in, or creating your Letter of Intent, contact ProposalCentral Customer Support at: 800-875-2562 (Toll-free U.S. and Canada), +1-703-964-5840 (Direct Dial International), or by email at [pcsupport@altum.com](mailto:pcsupport@altum.com). See the ProposalCentral [FAQ](#), for additional information.

### LETTER OF INTENT FORMAT

The following information is required to submit a complete Letter of Intent. Numbers correspond to the sections found on the left side of the ProposalCentral website.

- 1. TITLE PAGE.** Enter the title of the research project. The title is limited to no more than 75 characters (including spaces). Do not use abbreviations. A project title must be entered and saved before additional sections may be accessed.

**Terms and Conditions of the Grant.** In order to ensure that the applicant is informed of the terms and conditions of the grant should they be selected as a recipient, applicant must acknowledge that they have read the Terms and Conditions and have shared them with their institution by typing in their name and date in the box provided.

The terms and conditions of this grant may be modified or amended by the AACR prior to execution of the Grant Agreement. In addition, the grant recipient's institution may only request revisions to sections VII.F.; XII.; XIII.F.; and XIV.A. of the Grant Agreement prior to execution. Only in special circumstances will revisions be considered to sections other than those noted above.

- 2. DOWNLOAD TEMPLATES & INSTRUCTIONS.** The Program Guidelines and Competitive Letter of Intent Instructions document, Terms and Conditions, Applicant Checklist, and the Letter of Intent template, can be downloaded from this page. Applicants are required to use the Letter of Intent template.

See Section 7 of the Letter of Intent Instructions for how to complete and upload the template. This Letter of Intent also requires an additional attachment for which a template is not provided (applicant's biographical sketch).

- 3. ENABLE OTHER USERS TO ACCESS THIS PROPOSAL.** Optional.
- 4. APPLICANT.** Enter information for the applicant. Applicants must include their contact information, including e-mail address, phone number, mailing address, and AACR membership information. Applicants must also include their medical license information.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to have an ORCID iD and include this identifier with their application.

- 5. INSTITUTION & CONTACTS.** Enter information regarding the applicant's institution and signing official.

**NOTE:** For those invited to submit a full application, the application process will require a Letter of Reference from a nominator and endorser (if necessary). A nominator must be the applicant's department chair, division head, or dean. If the nominator is not an active, emeritus, or honorary

member of AACR, information for an endorser who is an active, emeritus, or honorary member of AACR must also be provided.

- 6. SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACT.** The abstract is limited to 3,000 characters (including spaces) and should provide a brief summary of the proposed research project.

If funded, this Abstract will become public information; therefore, do not include proprietary/confidential information.

From the lists provided, select the research areas that are most applicable to this project (*select no more than two*), select the tumor site that is most applicable to this project (*select only one*), and indicate how you found out about this grant opportunity.

**7. LETTER OF INTENT DOCUMENTS.**

*Formatting Instructions.* Applicants must adhere to the following instructions in completing the templates. Failure to observe type size specifications and page limits will result in the return of the Letter of Intent without review.

- Type size. Must use 12-point Times New Roman for the text, and no smaller than 9-point type for figures, legends, and tables.
- Single-spaced text. Single-spacing is acceptable, and space between paragraphs is recommended.
- Margins. The page margins must be no less than 0.75 inches on each side.
- Page numbering. The Narrative must be numbered consecutively; do not use section designations such as “3A” or “3B”.
- Tips and techniques for inserting images in documents.
  - Reduce the file size of documents with images by “inserting” the image (as opposed to “cutting” and “pasting”). Save graphical images as JPG or GIF files. Insert the image into the document by selecting “Insert – Picture – From File” from the MS Word menu.
  - Insert only GIF or JPG graphic files as images in your Word document. Other graphical file formats are either very large or difficult to manipulate in the document.
  - Do not insert Quick Time or TIFF objects into your document.
  - Anchor the images that you embed in your document.
  - Once you have anchored the inserted image, you can format text to wrap around the image.
  - Do not edit your images in Word. Use a graphics program.
  - Do not embed your images in tables, text boxes, and other form elements.
  - Do not add annotations over the images in Word. Add annotations to the images in a graphics program.

**When a template is provided, the template MUST be used. Prepare and upload the following documents into your application in portable document format (PDF):**

**A. Letter of Intent.** Applicants are required to use the Letter of Intent template available from the ProposalCentral website. The information must be presented in this order:

- I. Letter of Intent Narrative.** Limited to two pages, including figures and tables. The References section does not count against this page limit. Must describe the proposed innovative cancer research project and include the Specific Aims; Rationale, Preliminary Data, Methodology,

and Approach; Statistical Analysis Plan; and Significance and Statement of Relevance.

- II. **References.** Limited to two pages. AACR reference style follows that of the [Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals](#). Note that the *Uniform Requirements* specify that, for articles with more than six authors, the names of the first six authors must be listed, followed by “et al”. For articles with six or fewer authors, all authors must be listed.

**B. Applicant's Biographical Sketch.** Applicants are required to use the Non-fellowship Biosketch template available to download from the [NIH's Biosketch Format Pages, Instructions and Samples](#). Please refer to the Instructions and Non-fellowship biosketch sample under **Biographical Sketch Format Page (non-fellowship)**. The biographical sketch must be in English.

**C. Applicant Checklist.** This checklist is required to ensure applicant's eligibility. The signed Applicant Checklist must be uploaded to the online application in the Application Documents section. Electronic/digital signatures are permitted. These signatures transmitted by electronic means shall have the same force and effect as original signatures.

The signed Applicant Checklist must be uploaded to your online Letter of Intent in the Letter of Intent Documents section.

**Uploading the attachments into your submission.** Once you have converted your attachments to PDF files, the next step is to upload the files to your online Letter of Intent. *Only PDF attachments are permitted for this Letter of Intent submission.*

- Open your online Letter of Intent and go to the section for attaching files. Click the blue “Attach Files” button.
- Select the appropriate type of attachment from the drop-down list.
- Enter your own description of the file in the “Describe Attachment” field.
- Click on the “click here to browse” link to select the file from your computer or drag and drop. Click on the “Upload and Continue” button. You will get a confirmation message on your screen that the file was uploaded successfully. You will also see that your file is now listed in the “Current list of uploaded attachments” section of the screen. Clicking the “Back” or “Upload and Return” button allows you to go back to the main page of this section where the uploaded documents should now be listed. **Click the download icon next to the file name to open and view your uploaded documents.** To delete the file, click on the trashcan icon to the right under the “Delete” column.

In the section for attachments, all the required attachments are listed in the middle of the screen, just below where you upload your files. This list of required attachments helps you track completion and uploading of your required attachments. Once you upload a required attachment, that attachment type will be removed from the required list and will be displayed in the “Current list of uploaded attachments”.

If you wish to modify the attached file, make the revisions to your **original** file on your computer, convert the file to PDF, and use the same process above to attach the new file. **Delete any previously submitted versions of the file before submitting your Letter of Intent.**

## SUBMITTING COMPLETE LETTER OF INTENT

8. **PI DATA SHEET.** Please verify the applicant gender, race, and ethnicity. This is automatically populated based on the applicant's Professional Profile within ProposalCentral. Changes to the selections on this screen will be reflected in your Professional Profile. The information is handled separately from the application and will not be provided to the Scientific Review Committee.
9. **SIGNATURE PAGE(S).** In order to ensure that the applicant and institution have approved the Letter of Intent, applicants **must** obtain all required signatures before submitting. Type the First and Last Name of the Applicant in the box provided and select the "Sign" button to e-sign. The Signing Official designated in Section 5 will receive an email with login instructions to provide their e-signature. **ONLY e-signatures are accepted.**

This is an essential step and may require additional time. A submission without the e-signatures cannot be submitted.

**NOTE:** Data entered in the online Letter of Intent submission are automatically included in the Signature Pages. The following signature page fields will remain blank until the full application process: Dates of Proposed Project, Proposed Budget, Human Subjects, Vertebrate Animals, Recombinant DNA, and Biohazards. If information is missing in the Signature Pages, it could be because you have not entered the information in one of the online sections **OR** the information is not required for this grant program. If the institution's Employer Identification Number (EIN) is not completed on the Signature Page, please request your institution to provide that information in their ProposalCentral profile.

While the "Print Signature Pages" option allows applicants to download the Signature Page, Application Contacts, and Scientific Abstract, the AACR **strongly encourages** applicants to also use the "Print Signature Pages with Attachments" option. This option can be used if your institution wishes to review the full Letter of Intent but also should be used by the applicant to ensure that the Scientific Abstract does not cut-off in this view and that your attachments loaded properly.

Excessive spacing in your Scientific Abstract (e.g., line breaks between paragraphs) can cause the abstract to not fully appear in the Signature Page view, even if under the 3,000-character limit. You may want to further edit your Scientific Abstract prior to submission if it does not fully appear. In addition, errors may occur when the uploaded PDF files are assembled by the system. Please check to ensure that all pages of every document included appear in the "Print Signature Pages with Attachments" option. If you are having any issues with this option, please contact ProposalCentral customer support 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](mailto:pcsupport@altum.com).

10. **VALIDATE.** Validate the Letter of Intent on ProposalCentral. This is an essential step. A submission that has not been validated cannot be submitted. "Validate" checks for required data and required attachments. You will not be able to submit if all the required data and attachments have not been provided.
11. **SUBMIT.** After successfully passing the validate check, click the "**Submit**" button. An e-mail will be sent to you confirming your submission.

Once your Letter of Intent is submitted you may view it by selecting “Submitted” from the “Proposal Status” drop-down menu under the ‘Proposals’ tab, then clicking the “View” button under the Edit column. The status column will show “Submitted” and the date submitted. You may need to refresh your browser screen after submitting the Letter of Intent to see the updated status.

#### **CHANGES TO YOUR LETTER OF INTENT**

**Withdrawal of Letter of Intent.** Please advise the AACR promptly, in writing, should you decide to withdraw your Letter of Intent for any reason. Your correspondence must include your name, the grant opportunity to which you applied, the project title, and the reason for withdrawal.

**Change of Address.** Notify the AACR of any changes of address, e-mail, or phone number, following the submission of a Letter of Intent. Include your name and the ProposalCentral identification number. The e-mail address provided with your Letter of Intent will be used for all official communication about your submission including the recipient selection results. Your Professional Profile in ProposalCentral must be kept up to date.

**Change of Institution or Position.** If you change your institution or professional position, contact the AACR to determine whether your Letter of Intent is still eligible for review.

#### **INQUIRIES**

Inquiries or technical issues regarding ProposalCentral and the online application process should be directed to customer support 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](mailto:pcsupport@altum.com).

Inquiries about the program guidelines, eligibility requirements, and Letter of Intent materials can be directed to the AACR’s Scientific Review and Grants Administration department at [grants@aacr.org](mailto:grants@aacr.org).

## MORE ABOUT THE PARTNERS



AstraZeneca is a global, science-led biopharmaceutical company that focuses on the discovery, development and commercialization of small molecule and biologic prescription medicines, primarily for the treatment of diseases in three therapy areas – Oncology; Cardiovascular, Renal & Metabolism; and Respiratory. The Company also is selectively active in the areas of autoimmunity, neuroscience and infection. AstraZeneca operates in over 100 countries and its innovative medicines are used by millions of patients worldwide. For more information, please visit <http://www.astrazeneca-us.com> and follow us on Twitter @AstraZenecaUS.

AstraZeneca has a deep-rooted heritage in Oncology and offers a quickly-growing portfolio of new medicines that has the potential to transform patients' lives and the Company's future. With at least six new medicines to be launched between 2014 and 2020, and a broad pipeline of small molecules and biologics in development, we are committed to advance New Oncology as one of AstraZeneca's Growth Platforms focused on lung, ovarian, breast and blood cancers. In addition to our core capabilities, we actively pursue innovative partnerships and investments that accelerate the delivery of our strategy as illustrated by our investment in Acerta Pharma in hematology. By harnessing the power of four scientific platforms – Immuno-Oncology, Tumor Drivers and Resistance, DNA Damage Response and Antibody Drug Conjugates – and by championing the development of personalized combinations, AstraZeneca has the vision to redefine cancer treatment and one day eliminate cancer as a cause of death.



Founded in 1907, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) is the world's first and largest professional organization dedicated to advancing cancer research and its mission to prevent and cure cancer. The AACR has more than 48,000 members in over 127 countries and territories around the world; over 31% percent of members live outside the United States. Twenty percent of AACR's international members are located in countries with emerging economies. The AACR offers seven categories of membership to support each aspect of our members' professional development and enhancement in cancer research. In support of the professional development of early-career investigators, no annual dues are required for Associate membership. The AACR marshals the full spectrum of expertise of the cancer community to accelerate progress in the prevention, biology, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer by annually convening more than 30 conferences and educational workshops, the largest of which is the AACR Annual Meeting with more than 22,500 attendees. In addition, the AACR publishes eight prestigious, peer-reviewed scientific journals and a magazine for cancer survivors, patients, and their caregivers. The AACR funds meritorious research directly as well as in cooperation with numerous cancer organizations. As the Scientific Partner of Stand Up To Cancer, the AACR provides expert peer review, grants administration, and scientific oversight of team science and individual investigator grants in cancer research that have the potential for near-term patient benefit. The AACR actively communicates with legislators and other policymakers about the value of cancer research and related biomedical science in saving lives from cancer. For more information about the AACR, visit [www.aacr.org](http://www.aacr.org).