



# AACR-Debbie's Dream Foundation Gastric Cancer Innovation and Discovery Grant

## 2026 Program Guidelines and Application Instructions

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## PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The AACR-Debbie's Dream Foundation Gastric Cancer Innovation and Discovery Grant is a grant mechanism that seeks to encourage innovation and translation of ideas from basic research into new treatment options for gastric cancer. Applications are invited from researchers currently in the field as well as investigators with experience in other areas of cancer or biomedical research.

This Grant provides \$50,000 over one year for expenses related to the research project. Grant funds may be used for direct and indirect research expenses attributable to the project, which may include supplemental salary support, equipment, research/laboratory supplies, and other research expenses.

### FUNDING INFORMATION

This grant provides \$50,000 over 1 year.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Submission Deadline	July 22, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time*
Award Notification	October 2026
Start of Grant Term	November 1, 2026

\* Please confirm the time in your local time zone using a time zone converter.

### RESEARCH PROJECT CRITERIA

These grants will support basic, translational, and/or clinical research projects that examine important and druggable\* novel targets and/or biomarkers that are relevant for gastric cancer.

*\*For the purposes of this grant program, a "druggable" target is defined as a nucleic acid or a protein (e.g., an enzyme, a receptor) whose activity can be modified by a drug. The drug can be a small-molecular weight chemical compound or a biological, such as an antibody or a recombinant protein. The target should have been shown to be effective/mechanistically involved in cancer by relevant in vitro or in vivo models. A cancer-related biomarker might be a protein, a nucleic acid, or a metabolite that can be measured in biological fluids, tissue, or isolated cells for the diagnosis, monitoring, prognosis, or stratification of patients.*

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All applicants with questions about eligibility should contact the AACR's Research and Grants Administration at [grants@aacr.org](mailto:grants@aacr.org) **before** submitting an application.

By the submission deadline, applicants **must** be AACR "Active" members in good standing (dues paid for the current year):

- Information on AACR membership, including membership categories, dues rates, and steps for lapsed or nonmembers, can be accessed on our [membership website](#).
- Assistance with membership can be requested by submitting a myAACR [help form](#) or by contacting our Membership Department at [membership@aacr.org](mailto:membership@aacr.org)
- **Applicants whose membership is not in good standing or nonmembers who do not apply for membership by the submission deadline will be considered ineligible.**

At the start of the grant term (November 1, 2026), applicants **must**:

- Have a doctoral degree (PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or equivalent) in a related field.
- Be independent investigators
  - *If eligibility is based on a future position, the position must be confirmed at the time of submission and **CANNOT** be contingent upon receiving this grant. Applicants are advised to contact the AACR's Research and Grants Administration (RGA) at [grants@aacr.org](mailto:grants@aacr.org) **before** submission to confirm they will hold an eligible position.*
- 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, applicants applying from an institution in a country where they are not a citizen or permanent resident confirm that their work status will allow them to complete the project and grant term.*

At the start of the grant term (November 1, 2026), applicants **cannot**:

- Be a candidate for a further doctoral degree.
- Be an employee or subcontractor of a U.S. federal government entity or for-profit private industry. They may serve as collaborators, but no grant funds may be directed toward these individuals.
- Be postdoctoral or clinical research fellows or the equivalent who are working under the auspices of a scientific mentor. Qualified fellows are invited to apply for an AACR Fellowship.
- Be members of the Scientific Review Committee.
- Concurrently hold another AACR grant.
  - *Current AACR grantees may apply only if their current grant ends before the start of the grant term for this funding opportunity (i.e., November 1, 2026). Also, the terms of their current grant must stipulate that the final progress reports be approved by the AACR before November 1, 2026.*

*Investigators may submit only one application for this funding opportunity but may concurrently apply for other AACR grants. However, applicants are expected to accept the first grant they are awarded. Individuals may accept and hold only one AACR grant at a time.*

*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 RGA at [grants@aacr.org](mailto:grants@aacr.org).*

## **TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS**

Grant recipient must attend the **Annual Grantee Recognition Event** held during the AACR Annual Meeting 2027 to formally accept their grant. Grant funds may be used to support the grantee's registration and travel to this event.

Grant recipient is expected to attend one **AACR Grantee Summit** during the grant term, as participation provides valuable opportunities that enhance the grant experience. If scheduling conflicts arise, AACR will work with you to find a suitable solution. Grant funds may be used to support the grantee's attendance to this event.

See item 9 of the Application Materials for details on travel funds. *In the event of unforeseen scheduling changes, the Grantee will be contacted regarding alternative arrangements.*

## EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications will be peer-reviewed by a Scientific Review Committee comprised of researchers and physician-scientists respected for their own accomplishments in cancer and drug discovery research and viewed as leaders in the field. The President of the AACR will appoint the members of the Scientific Review Committee.

The Committee will consider the following criteria when reviewing applications:

- **Investigator.** Does the applicant have the necessary training and experience? Have they demonstrated the capacity for independent research? Is there evidence of a successful track record in cancer research or career commitment to this field?
- **Project.**
  - **Scientific Merit:** Is the project grounded in sound scientific principles and theories? Does it examine important and druggable novel targets and/or biomarkers that are relevant to gastric cancer? Does the proposed target have a proven role in gastric cancer?
  - **Originality and Innovation:** Does the research have the potential to provide a new treatment option for gastric cancer? Does the research demonstrate innovation and translation of ideas from basic research into novel drugs?
  - **Objectives and Hypothesis:** Are the research objectives clear and well-defined?
  - **Approach:** Are the research methods and experimental design appropriate? Is there a clear plan for data collection and analysis?
  - **Feasibility:** Is the project achievable within the proposed timeframe and budget?
  - **Impact:** Does the project have the potential to make a significant impact in the field?
- **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?

The Committee will consider each year's applicants independent of previously funded proposals and the institutions of previous grantees.

## TOBACCO INDUSTRY FUNDING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Scientists and health professionals funded by the tobacco industry for any research project are not eligible for any AACR grant. A grantee who accepts funding from the tobacco industry for any research project during the term of an AACR grant must inform AACR of such funding, whereupon the AACR grant will be immediately 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 a particular research project.

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

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The AACR requires applicants to submit an online application by **1:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time on Wednesday, July 22, 2026**, using the ProposalCentral website at <https://proposalcentral.com>.

Applicants need to enter information directly into the online application platform as well as use the templates provided for the following attachments:

- Research Project Proposal
- Project Milestones
- Applicant's Biographical Sketch
- Collaborator's Biographical Sketch (if applicable)

**Failure to use the provided templates and/or adhere to the formatting guidelines and instructions will result in your application being rejected without review. See Section 13 below for how to complete and upload the completed templates.**

### GETTING STARTED IN ProposalCentral

If you are a new user of ProposalCentral, click the "Need an account?" and complete the registration process. After logging in, select the Professional Profile tab and complete your profile before starting an application.

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 Password?".

To start an application, select the "Grant Opportunities" tab. A list of grant opportunities will be displayed. The list of applications can be filtered for the AACR by clicking "Filter by Grant Maker" and selecting "American Association for Cancer Research" in the drop-down menu. Find "**AACR-Debbie's Dream Foundation Gastric Cancer Innovation and Discovery Grants**" and click "Apply Now" to create your application.

*If you have any difficulties registering, logging in, creating your application, or any technical issues regarding ProposalCentral, contact their 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.*

### APPLICATION SECTIONS

Numbers correspond to the application sections found on the left side of the ProposalCentral website.

#### 1. TITLE PAGE.

- Enter the **Research Project Title**. The title is limited to no more than 130 characters (including spaces). Do not use abbreviations. The title must match the title in the Proposal Narrative document.
- Acknowledge that you have read **AACR's Terms and Conditions** and have shared them with your institution by typing in your name and date.

- 2. DOWNLOAD TEMPLATES & INSTRUCTIONS.** These Program Guidelines and Application Instructions, Terms and Conditions, a sample Biographical Sketch, and all required templates can be downloaded from this page.

The Applicant Eligibility and Compliance Guide can also be found in this section. Applicants are **strongly encouraged** to review this guide to ensure their submission meets all eligibility and compliance requirements. This document does not need to be uploaded with your application materials.

See Item 13 below for how to complete and upload the completed templates.

- 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 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.
- 6. COLLABORATORS.** Optional. Collaborators are independent researchers with an integral role in the proposed project. Do not enter information for fellows or research assistants working on the proposed project. While collaborators are allowed, note that co-Principal Investigators are **NOT** permitted.
- 7. ABSTRACTS.** If funded, these abstracts will become public information; therefore, do not include proprietary or confidential information.
  - **Lay Abstract.** Limited to 3,000 characters (including spaces), which provides a clear, concise, and comprehensive overview of the proposed research project in language suitable for a non-scientific audience. Do not use abbreviations unless absolutely necessary.
  - **Scientific Abstract.** The abstract is limited to 3,000 characters (including spaces) and must provide a brief summary of the proposed project.

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, and indicate how you found out about this grant opportunity.


- 8. SPECIFIC AIMS.** Enter Specific Aims exactly as written in the Research Proposal Narrative. Each Specific Aim should be no longer than 400 characters, including spaces. Be sure to click the 'Save' button after each Specific Aim entry.
- 9. BUDGET PERIOD DETAIL.** Applicants should submit a budget in the amount of \$50,000. Allowable budget expenditures include the salary and benefits of the grant recipient, postdoctoral or clinical research fellows, graduate students (including tuition costs associated with graduate students' education and training), research assistants, collaborators, or consultants; research/laboratory supplies; equipment; publication charges for manuscripts that pertain directly to the funded project;


and other research expenses. The percentage of salary requested may not exceed the percent effort the applicant or other personnel will dedicate to the project. See terms and conditions of the Grant for information on publishing in AACR journals. A maximum of \$2,500 may be allocated from the grant funds for indirect costs. Budget requests for equipment that exceed 10% of the total budget must be accompanied by a detailed justification.

Professional membership dues and any other research-related expenses not directly related to this project are **not** allowable expenses. In addition, no grant funds may be directed towards salary or benefits of any individuals from a U.S. federal government entity or for-profit industry, nor for any research expenses related to the project that are incurred by these individuals.

*Annual Grantee Recognition Event.* The grantee **must** attend the Annual Grantee Recognition Event at the AACR Annual Meeting 2027 to formally accept the grant. Up to \$2,000 may be allocated from the grant to offset attendance costs for the Grantee Recognition Event. Travel funds are for the grantee **ONLY**.


*AACR Grantee Summit.* Up to \$1,000 may also be allocated from the grant to offset attendance costs to the AACR Grantee Summit.

*\*To enter a personnel cost line item, click the add button  and enter the necessary values. Please note that the start and end dates are pre-populated.*

*\*To enter non-personnel cost line items, click the add button  and be sure to save regularly to prevent loss of data.*

**A detailed budget justification explaining the allocation of the grant funds must accompany the application.** See item 10 below.

**10. BUDGET SUMMARY AND JUSTIFICATION.** The budget details entered in the previous section will be summarized on this page. Scroll to the bottom of the page to enter personnel and non-personnel cost justifications.

**11. PENDING AND OTHER SUPPORT.** Use the add button  to add Pending and Other Support. If you have Other Support saved in your professional profile, you may select from the available list and save. To add a new Other Support entry, click 'Create New Other Support'. Enter the required information, then click 'Save and Close' on each page to add the Other Support to your application.

**NOTE:** If at any time prior to selection and notification, an applicant is awarded any funding that may overlap with the 2026 AACR-Debbie's Dream Foundation Gastric Cancer Innovation and Discovery Grants, the applicant must notify the AACR immediately.

*\*If you have no Pending and Other Support to report, select the corresponding checkbox:*

No Other Support to report

**12. ORGANIZATIONAL ASSURANCES.** Select the appropriate assurances options for your proposed research and complete the Approved or Pending Date field as appropriate (i.e., mm/dd/yyyy, N/A,

or None). The assurances/certifications are made and verified by the signature of the institutional official signing the application. If a grant is awarded, IRB and/or IACUC approval (if applicable) must be submitted in writing to the AACR's RGA.

**13. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS. ANY alterations made to the provided templates will result in disqualification of your application.** Upload completed templates into your ProposalCentral application in portable document format (PDF).

**A. Research Project Proposal.** Applicants are required to use the template available from ProposalCentral. **Failure to use the provided templates and/or adhere to the formatting guidelines and instructions will result in the application being rejected without review.**

- Font:
  - Must use 12-point Times New Roman for the main text.
  - Text for figures, legends, and tables must be legible when viewed at 100% zoom in PDF format; we strongly recommend no smaller than 9-point Times New Roman for this purpose.
- Margins:
  - The page margins must be no less than 0.75 inches on each side.
- Header/footer:
  - Complete the header. The title is limited to no more than 130 characters (including spaces). Do not remove the header or footer.

**I. Proposal Narrative.**

- **Headings:** Do not alter the headings (e.g., "I. Proposal Narrative"). **Alterations to the headings will result in the application being rejected without review.** The Proposal Narrative must be presented in the following order:
  - I. Proposal Narrative
  - II. References
- Provide a clear, concise, and comprehensive overview of the proposed work. Include information regarding background, rationale, methods, and any existing tools at your disposal.
- **Page limit: Limited to one page**, including figures and tables. The References section does not count against this page limit.

**II. References. Limited to one page.** AACR reference style can be found here:

<https://aacrjournals.org/pages/article-style-and-format#references>. Note that 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 should be listed.

**J. Project Milestones.** Applicants are required to use the template available from the ProposalCentral website. The Milestones Report is meant to act as a proposed timeline for the various steps needed to meet the specific aims of the project. List your name and project title in the cells under the grant name. List the specific aims and the various steps necessary to complete each aim. Indicate the estimated time it will take to complete each Milestone by highlighting the cells. Rows may be added/deleted as needed. Reporting progress towards milestones using this template will be incorporated into the reporting requirements for the project if funded.

- K. Applicant's Biographical Sketch.** *Applicants are required to use the template available from the ProposalCentral website.* This template as well as an example are available for download from the ProposalCentral platform. All sections of the biographical sketch must be completed in English.
- Page Limit: **Limited to five pages.**
  - Headings: Do not alter the section headings. *Additional sections beyond what is requested in the template will be redacted.* The information must be presented in the following order:
    - A. Personal Statement
    - B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors
    - C. Contributions to Science
- L. Collaborator's Biographical Sketch (if applicable).** *Collaborators are required to use the template available from the ProposalCentral website.* This template as well as an example are available for download from the ProposalCentral platform. All sections of the biographical sketch must be completed in English.
- Page Limit: **Limited to five pages.**
  - Headings: Do not alter the section headings. *Additional sections beyond what is requested in the template will be redacted.* The information must be presented in the following order:
    - A. Personal Statement
    - B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors
    - C. Contributions to Science
- M. Letter(s) of Collaboration (if applicable). Limited to one page.** A Letter of Collaboration must be uploaded for every collaborator listed in Section 6. The letter must be presented on institutional letterhead and confirm the scope of the collaborator's involvement in the proposed research. It should not comment on the applicant or research environment. Any letter deemed by AACR's RGA to be an additional letter of reference will be removed from the application.
- N. Supporting Documentation. Limited to one page.** Supporting Documentation must be presented on the appropriate institutional or company letterhead and should state a commitment to provide stated data/materials or confirm applicant's access to said data/materials. Supporting Documentation should be included only to provide information on the ability to provide for a research need. An example of acceptable supporting documentation is a letter of commitment from a clinician, drug manufacturer, individual, or institution providing data or materials necessary for the proposed research. **Supporting documentation should not comment on the applicant or research environment. Any documentation deemed by AACR's RGA to be an additional letter of reference for the applicant is not considered supporting documentation and will be removed from the application.**

There is no limit to the number of supporting documents that may be provided, however, documents that do not satisfactorily meet the description of supporting documentation provided

above, or uploads such as tables, charts, articles, and other inappropriate additional materials will be removed.

- O. Appendices.** Appendices are not required and may **ONLY** be used for the following materials. Appendices are not to include figures, tables, or other data that otherwise should be contained within the Proposal Narrative. The following materials are permitted:
- Clinical Trial Protocols
  - Unpublished Manuscripts. (Manuscripts that have been published should not be attached as appendices. Instead, please list the citation on the References page.)
  - Large-size versions of figures presented in the Proposal Narrative.
    - The use of this appendix is in no way intended to increase the Proposal Narrative page limit. Use of this appendix is restricted to no more than one page of figures and/or legends. This appendix is to be used when reducing the size of the figure or legend to fit within the proposal narrative would significantly compromise the quality of the image. In no case should there be more than one page of text in this appendix. **Overuse or misuse of this appendix may result in your application being rejected or your appendix being removed from your application.**

**Uploading the application documents.** Once you have converted your application documents to PDF files, upload the files as attachments to your online application. *Only PDF attachments are permitted for this application submission.*

- Open your online application 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 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 application.**

## SUBMITTING COMPLETE APPLICATION

- 14. PI DATA SHEET.** Please verify the applicant's 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.
- 15. SIGNATURE PAGE(S).** In order to ensure that all parties have approved the application, electronic signatures are required from the Applicant/PI and Signing Official. Any user whose signature is required will have automatic access to this application. An email notification is sent to all signatories when a signature is provided.

To sign, enter your name then click the sign button

A green rectangular button with the word "Sign" in white text.

Use the "Download Application" button to download a copy of your application, including attachments.

**NOTE:** Data entered in the online application are automatically included in the application download. If information is missing, it could be because you have not entered the information in one of the online application 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.

The AACR **strongly encourages** applicants to also use the "Download Application" option. This option can be used if your institution wishes to review the full application but also should be used by the applicant to ensure that your attachments are loaded properly. **The following application materials may not be present when using this option: Pending & Other Support.** If applicable, the blinded letter of reference will not be present when downloading the full application. Absence of these materials should **not** be considered an error. If your institution requires all components of the application to review, the above documents need to be added individually by the applicant.

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 "Download Application" 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).

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

Once your application 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 application to see the updated status.

### **CHANGES TO YOUR APPLICATION**

**Withdrawal of Application.** Please advise the AACR promptly, in writing, should you decide to withdraw your application 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 an application. Include your name and the ProposalCentral identification number. The e-mail address provided with your application 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 application is still eligible for review.

### **INQUIRIES**

Questions regarding this program can be directed to the AACR's RGA department at [grants@aacr.org](mailto:grants@aacr.org).

## MORE ABOUT THE PARTNERS



Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers. DDF seeks as its ultimate goal to make the cure for stomach cancer a reality. DDF was the first stomach cancer organization and now has 27 chapters in the US, Canada, and Germany with thousands of supporters and volunteers. DDF helps patients worldwide through a free Patient Resource Education Program (PREP), a Clinical Trials Matching Service, and a Support Community. DDF has a world-renowned Medical Advisory Board; hosts free education events internationally; advocates for increased federal funding for stomach cancer research; and directly funds research. For more information about DDF, visit [www.DebbiesDream.org](http://www.DebbiesDream.org).



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. AACR membership includes more than 61,000 laboratory, translational, and clinical researchers; population scientists; other health care professionals; and patient advocates residing in 143 countries and territories around the world. Presently, 34% of members live outside the United States and 20% of AACR's international members are located in countries building cancer research capacity. 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 researchers, 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. The AACR's Virtual 2020 Annual Meeting attracted over 74,000 attendees. In addition, the AACR publishes ten 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).