



2026 AACR-AstraZeneca Fellowship for Physician-Scientists for Digital Pathology and AI Training

2026 Program Guidelines and Application Instructions

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PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The AACR-AstraZeneca Fellowship for Physician-Scientists for Digital Pathology and AI Training represents a joint effort to support the training and career development of pathologists with a strong interest in digital pathology, artificial intelligence, and/or computational pathology. This fellowship provides physician-scientists with integrated research experiences across academic and industry settings, offering a unique opportunity to gain practical, real-world experience in AI-driven cancer research and diagnostics.

The program is intended to provide fellows with a comprehensive research experience that supports their scientific development and builds expertise in digital and computational pathology. Through mentored research in both academic and industry settings, fellows will develop the skills and perspective needed to pursue independent careers in academic research, the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, or related fields, contributing to advances in cancer research at the intersection of technology and oncology.

Proposed research may be basic, translational, or clinical in nature and must be focused on digital and/or computational pathology.

Applicants are required to complete two years of research training, consisting of one year at their academic institution and one year with their assigned AstraZeneca team. The AstraZeneca training component is intended to provide an immersive experience in an industry setting, with strong preference for onsite work at the company's Gaithersburg, Maryland, or Cambridge, Massachusetts locations. The structure and scheduling of the industry-based training period may be flexible and will be determined through mutual agreement among the fellow, the fellow's institution, and AstraZeneca, provided that a cumulative total of one year is completed with the industry partner. Hybrid and remote work arrangements may be considered, as appropriate to the fellow's project and training plan.

FUNDING INFORMATION

This grant provides \$200,000 over two years.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission Deadline	September 29, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time*
Finalist Notification Date	On or around November 9, 2026
Finalist Interviews**	On or around November 20, 2026
Grantee Decision Date	November 2026
Start of Grant Term	December 1, 2026

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

FINALISTS INTERVIEWS**

Top-scoring applicants will be selected as finalists to compete for the available grant. Finalists will be invited to deliver a 10-minute presentation followed by a 10-minute Q&A session with members of the Scientific Review Committee, along with 1-2 representatives from AstraZeneca. These presentations will be conducted virtually via Zoom on or around November 20, 2026.

Finalists will be notified on or around November 9, 2026, allowing time to prepare for their presentations.

RESEARCH PROJECT CRITERIA

The proposed research project should align with the fellowship's goal of training future leaders in artificial intelligence-driven cancer research and diagnostics. Projects should focus on the development and application of advanced computational methods, including deep learning approaches for biomarker discovery, multimodal modeling for the integration of genomics and histopathology data, and the implementation and validation of computational pathology systems within clinical and research workflows.

Projects may involve the use of digital pathology and spatially resolved 'omics technologies and may also incorporate additional data types, such as clinical or single-cell data, as appropriate to the proposed research. Projects that leverage these approaches to define or elucidate mechanisms of disease are also appropriate.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

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

- Information on AACR membership, including membership categories, due 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
- **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 (December 1, 2026), applicants **must**:

- Have a medical degree (MD, DO, MD/PhD, or the equivalent) in a related field.
- Be enrolled in an accredited pathology fellowship or residency program at an academic, medical, or research institution within the United States and be authorized to work in the United States.
 - Applicants who require a visa must ensure that their visa status and/or work authorization will permit them to complete the project and grant term.
 - If eligibility is based on a future fellowship or residency 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 **before** submission to confirm they will hold an eligible position.

- Have at least two years of protected research time.
- Have a mentor in the proposed research field from the sponsoring institution.

At the start of the grant term (December 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 or be clinical fellows applying from a U.S. government laboratory (e.g., NIH, CDC, FDA, etc.)
- 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., December 1, 2026). Also, the terms of their current grant must stipulate that the final progress reports be approved by the AACR before December 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.

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 travel 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 digital and/or computational pathology 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:

- **Applicant.** Does the applicant have the necessary training and experience to ensure successful implementation of the proposed project? Is their academic record and research experience of high quality? Does the applicant have the potential to develop into an independent and productive researcher in this field?
- **Project.**
 - **Scientific Merit:** Is the project grounded in sound scientific principles and theories? Does it address a significant question or problem in the field?
 - **Originality and Innovation:** Does the project offer new insights or approaches? Does it challenge existing paradigms or develop new methodologies?
 - **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?
- **Mentor.** Does the academic mentor have the appropriate research qualifications and a demonstrated record of mentorship? Do the research interests of the applicant match those of the academic mentor to ensure the applicant's development as a productive cancer researcher in the field?
- **Training Environment.** Has the applicant proposed a reasonable project that includes time spent both at an academic institution and AstraZeneca facilities? Is the institutional environment for the scientific development of the applicant of high quality? Is there appropriate commitment from both the institution and AstraZeneca to foster the applicant's training to become a productive researcher in the field?

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. An applicant 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 Tuesday, September 29, 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
- Applicant Checklist
- Mentor's Biographical Sketch

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-AstraZeneca Fellowship for Physician-Scientists for Digital Pathology and AI Training**" 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. 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, mentor, endorser (if applicable, see item 6 below), and signing official.
- 6. LETTER OF REFERENCE.** Each applicant must have a letter of reference from their mentor accompanying the application. The letter of reference must be uploaded directly by the mentor to ProposalCentral. If the applicant is being co-mentored, the mentors must provide a co-signed letter providing the mentorship details described in the e-mail instructions as they pertain to each member of the mentorship team. The co-signed letter must be uploaded only by the primary mentor. **NOTE: Due to the mentorship component of this grant, significant weight will be given to the letter of reference in the evaluation of the application.**

If the mentor or co-mentor (if applicable) is **not** an active, emeritus, or honorary member of the AACR, the applicant **must** be endorsed by an active, emeritus, or honorary member of the AACR. As an AACR member, the endorser is asked to sign an acknowledgment in Section 15 that the applicant adheres to accepted ethical scientific standards and has or will make long-term contributions to cancer.

Enter the e-mail address of the individual submitting a letter of reference. Enter the e-mail address again to confirm and click the add icon. If their e-mail address is in the ProposalCentral system, you will be prompted to "Send E-mail" to them. **The e-mail will contain instructions and a link to upload the letter of reference directly to the application.** If the e-mail address of the individual submitting the letter of reference is not in the ProposalCentral system, you will be prompted for their first and last name before being prompted to "Send E-mail."

Applications cannot be submitted without a letter of reference. Applicants can view letter submission status in Section 6 of the online application.

- 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 \$200,000. As this fellowship is intended to support the salary and benefits of the fellow, applicants must dedicate at least 50% effort to the proposed project during the year spent at the academic institution. Up to 50% of the total budget may be allocated for non-personnel direct research expenses, such as research/laboratory supplies, equipment, publication charges for manuscripts that pertain directly to the funded project, and other research expenses. During the year spent at the AstraZeneca facility, 100% effort must be dedicated to the Project. The percentage of salary requested may not exceed the percent effort of Grantee. See terms and conditions of the Grant for information on publishing in AACR journals. Budget requests for equipment that exceed 10% of the total budget must be accompanied by a detailed justification.

AstraZeneca will provide a limited stipend of up to \$7,500 to allow the fellow to travel to the AstraZeneca site prior to the start of the one-year term to secure accommodations for the one-year term spent at the AstraZeneca site. This stipend will also cover necessary costs for the fellow to travel to and from the AstraZeneca site for the one-year term. Total amount of the stipend will be determined on a case-by-case basis, and will be dependent upon the distance traveled by the fellow, but will be limited to a certain amount. Housing costs during the one-year term at the AstraZeneca location are the responsibility of the fellow. *This stipend will be coordinated separately from the grant funding.*

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 \$1,500 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-AstraZeneca Fellowship for Physician-Scientists for Digital Pathology and AI Training, 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. Do not remove the header or footer.
- Headings/subheadings: Do not alter the headings (e.g., “Contents Page”) or subheadings (e.g., “A. Title of Research Project”). **Alterations to the headings and/or subheadings will result in the application being rejected without review.**

I. Contents Page. Complete the Contents Page by indicating the appropriate page numbers for each section. The Contents Page **must not exceed one page**.

II. Proposal Narrative.

- Heading and subheadings: The Proposal Narrative must be presented in the following order:
 - A. Title of Research Project (limited to 130 characters, including spaces)
 - B. Introductory Statement, Background, Preliminary Data, and Rationale
 - C. Specific Aims
 - D. Research Design and Methods*
 - E. Significance and Statement of Relevance
- Page limit: **Limited to six pages**, including figures and tables. The Contents page, Statistical Analysis Plan, Facilities, Career Development Plan, and References do not count against this page limit.
- ***Note that the AACR strongly encourages the authentication of cell lines intended for use in the proposed research project.** If use of cell lines is proposed, it is encouraged that information related to cell line authentication is included in the Research Design and Methods section of the proposal. For a list of cell line authentication services, please visit: <https://aacrjournals.org/pages/improv-reprod>

III. Statistical Analysis Plan.

- Provide a description of the statistical analysis plan for the proposed project.
- Page limit: **Limited to one page**.

IV. Facilities.

- Provide a description of the research facilities, resources, and equipment that are available to the applicant and that will allow successful implementation of the proposed research program.
- Page limit: **Limited to two pages**.

V. Career Development Plan.

- Applicants should state their career goals and measurable objectives, including how the varied research experience in academia and industry will enhance their research skills and contribute to their career advancement.
- Page Limit: **Limited to one page**.

VI. References.

- 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.

Page limit: **Limited to three pages.**

- B. 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.
- C. 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
- D. Mentor's Biographical Sketch.** *Mentors 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. If a co-signed letter of reference is provided, a biographical sketch must be provided for each member of the mentorship team signing the letter.
- 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
- E. 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.

- F. Applicant Checklist.** To ensure each applicant's eligibility, this checklist is required for all applicants. The checklist **MUST** be downloaded from the ProposalCentral site, completed, and signed by all required parties.

Electronic/digital signatures are permitted. These signatures transmitted by electronic means shall have the same force and effects as original signatures.

The **signed Applicant Checklist** must be uploaded in the Application Documents section.

- G. Intellectual Property Statement.** In order to ensure that the applicant is informed of the intellectual property terms of the grant should they be selected as a recipient, a copy of the Intellectual Property Statement must be downloaded from the ProposalCentral site. **Applicants and the institution must sign and date the statement, indicating that they are aware of the requirement of executing a timely Research Project Agreement between the Institution with AstraZeneca before confirmation of the grant should they be selected.** Electronic/digital signatures are permitted. These signatures transmitted by electronic means shall have the same force and effect as original signatures.

The AACR will facilitate contact between the Institution and AstraZeneca, so they may directly conduct negotiations regarding the terms and conditions of the Research Project Agreement. Institution will use good faith efforts to expedite negotiation and execution of the Research Project agreement to enable timely confirmation of the grant and commencement of the fellowship.

The **signed Intellectual Property Statement** must be uploaded to your online application in the Application Documents section.

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, Signing Official, Mentor, and Endorser (if applicable). 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.

If applicable, **Endorsers are only required to sign the Signature Page.** A letter of reference or biographical sketch is not needed from an individual serving solely as an Endorser; *if provided, these documents will be removed from the application.*

To sign, enter your name then click the sign button



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 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.

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 validate 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.

MORE ABOUT THE PARTNERS



AstraZeneca is a global, science-led biopharmaceutical company that focuses on the discovery, development and commercialization of prescription medicines, primarily for the treatment of diseases in three main therapy areas - Oncology, Cardiovascular & Metabolic Diseases, and Respiratory Diseases. The Company is also 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 www.astrazeneca.com and follow us on Twitter @AstraZeneca.



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