
American Cancer Society (ACS)

Research Scholar Grants

<http://www.cancer.org>

The following are general guidelines for this agency. **Please see Notice of Grant Award for specific terms & conditions.** The Principal Investigator is responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met. The Office of Research Services will assist the Principal Investigator in accomplishing this.

General:

The American Cancer Society is the Largest non-government provider of cancer research funding in the United States. Since the Research Program began in 1946, the ACS has devoted more than \$2.5 Billion to cancer research.

The Society awards grants for Independent Investigators in areas such as: Beginning Investigators Research, Psychosocial and Behavior Research, and Health Services and Health Policy Research. The Society also issues Training and Career Development Grants, Professorship Grants, International Program Grants and Special Initiatives Grants.

Applying for Funding:

Access Electronic Grant application process at proposal Central or (<http://pc.ecgrant.com>).

*Application deadlines vary depending upon the type of grant that is being awarded.

Renewals:

Renewals will be made for one or two years. The length of a funded renewal is determined by the Peer Review Committee. Grants may be competitively renewed twice, for a maximum of two consecutive two year periods. In no case may investigators be funded past the 14th year of their first independent research or faculty appointment. If an investigator desires to compete for a renewal grant and is eligible to do so, that investigator or institution is responsible for submitting to the Society a completed application by the appropriate deadline.

Special Considerations: N/A

Budget Considerations & No Cost Extensions:

The principal investigator may make minor alterations within the approved budget except where such expenditures conflict with the policies of the Society. Major changes require written approval from the Society.

The end date of any grant may be extended for up to one year without additional funds upon written request from the principal investigator to the Society. This request must be received before the expiration of the grant.

The following expenses are not allowable:

- Secretarial/administrative salaries
 - Office equipment and supplies
 - Office and laboratory furniture
 - Student tuition charge
 - Books and journal expenses
 - Membership dues
 - Charges related to foreign travel (excluding Canada)
 - Recruiting and relocation expenses
 - Rental of office or laboratory space
 - Non-medical services to patients, charges for hospital beds
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In addition, personnel may receive salary up to a maximum that equals the National Cancer Institute cap, prorated according to their percent effort on the project.

The Society allows Indirect Costs at a rate of 25% excluding permanent equipment. (According to their Budget form.)

Other Administrative Actions:

Prior Agency Approval required from Grants Office for (in addition to above):

- Change in Scope
 - Change of Grantee Organization (explicit instructions and forms contained in Policies manual)
 - Any deviations from special terms or conditions stated on Notice of Grant Award
 - Need for additional funds
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Specific Cost Sharing Requirements :

The Society does not require any cost sharing.

Carryforward:

Carryforward to a succeeding grant period (renewal grant) is not permitted. All unexpended funds must be returned with the final expenditure report.

Other:

In May 2000, the Research Project Grants were replaced with the Research Scholar Grants. Policies for both can be obtained on the Society's web site and a copy is usually sent with the award letter. The policies are updated on a regular basis.

Equipment purchased with grant funds is vested at the institution where the principal investigator is conducting the research. If the Society authorizes the transfer of a grant, the equipment necessary for continuation of the research project purchased with grant funds may be transferred to the new institution.

The Society will not pay for expenses prior to the start date of the grant, for commitments against a grant not paid within 60 days following the end date, or for any expenses that exceed the total amount of the award.

Funding

Equal payments are made at the end of each month and mailed to the address on the bottom of the cover page of the application.

Invoicing Re quirements :

No invoicing is required. Monthly checks sent to us by the Society.

Financial Reporting Requirements :

Please refer to the version of the Policies that apply to your grant. A Report of Expenditures must be submitted within 90 days after the end date as indicated in the award letter. Annual/interim financial reports are not required. Forms will be provided by the Society or may be downloaded from the web site. Any unexpended funds must be returned to the Society. If the report cannot be submitted on time, a written request to extend the reporting deadline should be made.

Non-Financial Reporting Requirements:

Non-Financial Closeout:

Scientific Reporting Requirements:

Annual scientific progress reports within 6 weeks of the anniversary of the start date of the grant. A final report is due within 6 weeks after the end date of the grant and should consist of both a scientific report and a non-technical summary. Please refer to the Research Project Grants or Research Scholar Grants Policies for the particulars of each report.

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