

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Coalition to Cure Prostate Cancer (CCPC) Young Investigator Awards

Award Description

The Coalition to Cure Prostate Cancer (CCPC) is pleased to announce a request for applications from researchers in Canada for our 2012 Young Investigator Awards. Highly innovative basic science programs will be carefully considered, but priority will be given to “bench to bedside” translational research proposals with the potential to deliver near-term benefit to patients.

Research proposals submitted in consideration for this award should provide high impact to the field. “Small-step” or incremental proposals are usually non-competitive. Applications are encouraged from early-career basic scientists, medical oncologists, pathologists, urologists, radiologists, radiation oncologists, public health experts, bioinformatic experts or professionals from other medical research disciplines.

The CCPC will fund four (4) Young Investigators in Canada in 2012. The awards will be three (3) years in duration and will provide \$75,000 per year. The award funds may be used flexibly to advance the career and research efforts of the awardee. This, for example, includes funding “protected time” or direct costs for experiments. Documentation of an equal in-kind level of support will be requested in the form of dedicated space, equipment, institutional overhead, core institutional resources, etc. The documentation required is a letter from the Cancer Center Director or Departmental Chairperson which confirms institutional commitment to the career development of the CCPC Young Investigator while under the direct supervision of a Mentor. Mentorship is required for every CCPC Young Investigator applicant and grantee. Young Investigator awardees and their Mentors are required to attend the annual Prostate Cancer Foundation Scientific Retreat in October 24-27, 2012, in Carlsbad, CA.

Requirements

1. Applicant should be within six-years following completion of a professional degree or clinical training such as MD, PhD, MD-PhD, MPH, or equivalent.
2. Applicant may hold title of Senior Postdoctoral Fellow, Instructor, Research Associate, Assistant Professor, or equivalent.
3. Applicants need not be trained specifically in clinical prostate cancer research. Young Investigators may be working in basic, translational, clinical, population sciences, bioengineering or any other field that could contribute to the end of prostate cancer. However, successful applicants should be working in a research environment capable of supporting transformational prostate cancer research. Access to and interaction with a clinical environment, as well as translational prostate cancer physician-scientists, is highly desirable.
4. Applicant should have received no more than \$200,000 in current direct research funding from all sources including institutional funds. Investigators who have specifically received young investigator research support from the government or other non-profit institutions are still qualified and very much encouraged to apply.
5. As this award is a fellowship, we do not require a budget with your proposal. This fellowship does not cover indirect costs.

6. A three (3) year research proposal no greater than ten (10) pages is required. CCPC welcomes preliminary data in the ten-pages of text but does not have a strict data requirement. Your proposal should include: A.) Half-page description of how this research may benefit patients with advanced prostate cancer, and B.) One-paragraph Statement of Originality that details the novelty of your proposed research. The ten-page proposal limit does not apply to references, CV, and/or other supplemental information (e.g., your publications on related research), which may add additional pages.
7. Please include two letters of support indicating the applicant's strengths and potential to become an independent investigator upon completion of the 3-year duration of the Young Investigator Award. One letter should be provided by the applicant's Mentor and the other by the applicant's Departmental Chairperson or Cancer Center Director. The letter from the Departmental Chairperson should demonstrate that "matching in-kind support" is available to the applicant in the form of dedicated space, institutional overhead, institutional core research facilities, etc.
8. The applicant's NIH biosketch.
9. Merge all components of the application (research proposal, letters of support and CV) into a single PDF file prior to submission. Please include a cover page with your name and degree(s), title, institution name, phone number, email address and proposal title (in no particular order).
10. After February 1, 2012, please visit www.coalitiontocureprostatecancer.org for a link to access the online application form. At the bottom of the form, you will be prompted to attach your PDF. The website will accept applications only after February 1st.

Please direct questions to: applications@pcf.org.

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THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THESE APPLICATIONS IS

February 27, 2012, 11:59PM Pacific Standard Time

IN FAIRNESS TO ALL, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE

Funding decisions will be made through peer review by April 9, 2012.

About the Coalition to Cure Prostate Cancer

The Coalition to Cure Prostate Cancer is a charity that funds biomedical research, specifically for the development of new treatments and a cure for prostate cancer.

Parties receiving funding pursuant to this RFA must be, and by submitting an application are, representing that they are "qualified applicants" as defined in the Canadian Revenue Act.

The Prostate Cancer Foundation has been contracted by the Coalition to Cure Prostate Cancer to administer this research awards program.