

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS:
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1. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The American Cancer Society believes that everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to prevent, find, treat, and survive cancer (Alcaraz et al., 2020). Societal conditions where people are born, grow, live, worship and age, have a profound effect on their health status and their ability to access cancer care and to carry-out care recommendations (Alfano et al., 2020; Braveman, 2017). This funding is intended to support the formation of Cancer Health Equity Research Centers (CHERCs) designed to target cancer health disparities unique to a local or regional community. We anticipate this funding will stimulate novel collaborations and approaches to mitigate societal risk factors contributing to our goals for achieving health equity and reducing cancer mortality.

References

Alcaraz KI, Wiedt T, Daniels ED, Yabroff KR, Guerra C, Wender RC. Understanding and Addressing Social Determinants to Advance Cancer Health Equity in the United States: A

3. APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted electronically via ProposalCentral

A track record addressing cancer health disparities or health equity as evidenced by: Extramural cancer research funding, a track record of mentoring junior investigators, publications in peer-reviewed journals, and administrative/leadership experience (e.g., deputy director or director of a program, center or department).

A minimum of 10% effort is required for the Center PI.

The CHERC PI **may not** be a Sub-Award PI. The CHERC PI may be a Key Person on a sub-award, including the primary mentor of a PF or CSDG.

Note: Scientific investigators or individuals who are funded for any project by the tobacco industry, or whose named mentors are so funded, are not eligible for ACS grants. See our full policy regarding Tobacco-Industry funding in our [All Grant Policies](#) document.

5. CHERC GRANT TERMS

A. BUDGET AND AWARD PERIOD

A total budget of \$4.07 M (\$3.7M direct costs plus 10% indirect cost) for a 4-year project period will be given as an institutional block grant to support research sub-awards, collaboration, training, and community engagement.

B. INDIRECT COSTS

The CHERC can budget 10% indirect costs of the direct cost total. The calculation of allowable indirect costs includes all budget items except permanent equipment.

Sub-Awards at the CHERC institution do not claim indirect costs individually but are included in the direct cost total. However, Sub-Awards at institutions other than the CHERC institution may budget indirect costs 10% for RSG, 8% for CSDG, 0% for PF. Subcontracts may claim indirect costs for the work performed at the secondary institution (10% for RSG or 8% for CSDG), but the primary institution must exclude the subcontract direct costs when calculating their indirect cost total.

C. GRANT MANAGEMENT AND PAYMENTS

New grantees will receive a packet of information with instructions for activating the award. The activation form as well as other important information about the grant can also be found at <https://ProposalCentral.com/> (select the Award tab to see the Post Award Management site).

Grant payments will be made at the end of each month. The ACS makes all payments to the sponsoring institution via electronic funds transfer or via a mailed check depending on the preference selected on the grant activation form.

Acknowledgement of payment by the sponsoring institution is not required. Continued funding by related to the grant; failure to comply with all of the grant terms may result in a suspension or cancellation of the grant, to be determined by ACS at its sole discretion.

Note: If a Sub-Award is terminated early for any reason, the Sub-Award PI is only entitled to the pro-rated amount of the award.

Personnel compensated in whole or in part with funds from the ACS are not employees of the Society. Consequently, institutions are responsible for issuing appropriate IRS tax filings for all individuals receiving compensation from ACS grants, and for withholding and paying all required federal, state, and local payroll taxes for such compensation. Any tax consequences are the

and conditions of this policy shall govern.

- A. All notices required pursuant to this policy shall be in writing, and in this policy, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below.
- i. "Invention" shall mean any potentially patentable discovery, material, method, process, product, program, software or use.
 - ii. "Funded Invention" shall mean any Invention made in the course of research funded in whole or in part by a Society Grant.
 - iii. "Gross Income" shall mean gross royalty income received by Grantee in respect of a Funded Invention inclusive of income from a single sale of the Funded Invention, less a total of \$25,000 towards United States patent filing fees and an additional \$25,000 USD for international patent filing fees.
 - iv. Grantee.
- B. The Grantee technology transfer officer shall provide the Society with an annual report for each Funded Invention. The annual report will be due by January 31 of each calendar year after an ACS Grant Award has been received. The annual report shall include a listing or description of the following information for each Funded Invention: (1) all issued patents and pending patent applications, (2) all licenses, leases, or other revenue generating agreements, (3) all gross revenue for each preceding calendar year, (4) the filing,

Payments shall be made on an annual basis by January 31, the year after the year that

J. GRANT MODIFICATIONS

All forms can be found under the Deliverables tab at <https://proposalcentral.com/>. Please note that up-to-date annual reports are required prior to approval of any grant modifications including transfers and no-cost extensions. **The ACS reserves the right to deny requests for extensions, leaves of absence, or transfers.**

Sub-Award specific grant modifications can be found in their respective sections [below](#).

Leave of absence

Requests for a leave of absence will be handled on a case-by-case basis. If possible, please contact the Scientific Director at least 30 days prior to the proposed beginning of leave. ACS Postdoctoral Fellowship awardees only: A separate parental leave policy is available.

B. POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS (PF)

Description: Postdoctoral Fellowships are designed to support individuals in programs of research training and study to enable new investigators to competitively qualify for independent careers in cancer research. Peer reviewers will consider whether the fellowship broadens the

mentor and the head of the department in which the training will be conducted. A plan of training must be formulated and agreed on by the mentor and the applicant and described in detail in the application. Preliminary data included in the application must be carefully attributed to the person(s) responsible. There is an expectation that the fellow will commit 100% of research efforts to this project. If the PI is a clinician scientists, then it is expected that they devote no less than 80% FTE during the award period.

Term and Eligibility

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Leave of Absence: An appropriately documented leave of absence will not be counted in the years of eligibility. Leaves of absence may include military service (that does not include research training/experience), family leave, and teaching in a non-research position.

Mentor(s)

The candidate is required to identify a mentor before submitting an application, who is actively engaged in research in the proposed area and has a track record of mentoring individuals at a similar career stage to the applicant. The mentor is expected to be committed to the proposed

candidate. The mentor must have sufficient funding to support the research project proposed by the applicant. Applicants may have co-mentors or a mentoring team, if appropriate for the development of the project and the applicant, but a primary mentor must be identified. The applicant should work with their mentor(s) in the development of the application.

Budget

A Postdoctoral Fellowship consists of a stipend and fellowship allowance. Institutional indirect costs may not be recovered from these funds. In most cases, No Cost Extensions are not allowed for postdoctoral fellowships.

Stipend: Awards cover \$66,000, \$68,000, and \$70,000 for the first, second, and third years, respectively. Fellows eligible for only 2 years should request progressive stipends of \$68,000 and \$70,000, respectively. The annual stipend must be used solely for the salary support of the fellow. The institution may supplement the stipend with non-grant funds, as long as 100% of the research effort on the Society Fellowship is maintained. The Society does not withhold any amount for income tax purposes. The applicant should contact the Internal Revenue Service to determine the tax status of the fellowship.

Fellowship Allowance: Each Fellow will receive \$4,000 per year during the fellowship plus \$1500 in the last year. The annual allowance may be used to help defray costs incurred for the benefit of the fellow. Examples of such costs are health insurance, workshop costs and expenses associated with attending and/or presenting at a domestic scientific meeting(s). The additional \$1,500 in the last year is to be prioritized for travel costs to attend the [American Cancer Society Jiler Professors and Fellows Conference](#), if offered that year, or expenses associated with presenting at another domestic scientific meeting.

Paid Parental Leave

New parent postdoctoral fellows may elect to take parental leave for the adoption, fostering, or birth of a child. The fellow will not perform research during family leave but will continue to receive the ACS stipend/salary for up to 12 weeks (minimum of 4 weeks). In addition, ACS will extend the end date of the postdoctoral fellowship with a supplement equivalent to the amount of time used for ACS parental leave, allowing the postdoctoral fellow to complete the full fellowship term and retain their stipend while on leave.

leave. If an institution offers paid parental leave for postdoctoral fellows, the fellows must first use institutional leave and ACS will pay for leave up to 12 weeks. They may not receive paid leave from both the institution and ACS concurrently. The fellowship supplement at the end would provide salary for a time equivalent to the amount of ACS (or institution + ACS) leave.

Administrative independence is typically demonstrated by a full-time faculty appointment (normally equivalent to Assistant Professor); a tenure-track position; allocated office and/or laboratory space; a start-up package; and institutional commitment defined and verified in a letter from a department chair or equivalent.

Evidence of *scientific independence* could include prior grant funding and senior author publications. This award will be made only for project-related work that is wholly directed by the applicant.

