



Grants Terms, Procedures & Guidelines

- **Senior Investigator Award in Molecular Biology or**
- **Therapeutics of Cancer Grant Amount: \$500,000**

Tower Cancer Research Foundation supports forward thinking research work in Southern California. In general, the scientific advisory board evaluates grant applications based on the following criteria:

- Novelty of hypothesis
- Scientific quality
- Feasibility of the proposal
- Evidence of institutional support for the project
- Relevance leading to potential cancer therapeutics

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must hold an assistant professor position or higher. (No preference is given to any title - non-tenure and tenure assistant, associate, and full professors are all given equal consideration). Projects with Co-Principal Investigators are also eligible. Multiple Principal Investigators may apply from the same institution.
- Applicants must be Southern California based (Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Kern, Imperial, Inyo, Mono).
- The project must entail research towards potential oncological clinical applications in the area of molecular therapeutics or diagnostics of cancer. The project may be laboratory-based or “translational” meaning it may involve clinical subjects but must have a direct laboratory component
- The Principal Investigator must hold either an MD or a PhD (or both) and have an existing active lab.
- 50% of the Principal Investigator's time must be protected time for research in general (not necessarily for the proposed project only)
- Principal Investigators are not required to have funds already secured in order to apply for the Investigator Grant. Likewise, investigators with other private or government funding are still eligible to apply.

Funding Terms

- The Investigator recipient will receive a \$500,000 grant (\$100,000 annually for 5 years, 2022-2027).
- At least one \$500,000 5-year Senior Investigator grant will be awarded this grant cycle.
- All grant awards are for 5 year only. The grant award must be used to cover research related expenses during the terms of the agreement. There are no opportunities of grant renewal.
- Grant funds are to be applied towards salary, processing fees, equipment and/or supplies. There is no salary cap for Principal Investigators. Grant funds are not permitted to be used for overhead expenses (i.e. rental expenses, equipment maintenance, and insurance fees are not allowable costs).

Submission Procedures

- Submissions are due Friday, October 14, 2022 by 5pm (PST). Applicants will receive an email confirming receipt of the submission.
- For questions regarding the application or application process contact Kelli Sargent at (310) 299-8470 or kelli@towercancer.org
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of renowned clinician-scientists determined by Tower Cancer Research Foundation. Applicants will be notified by no later than Wednesday, November 23, 2022 of the panel's decision.

Formatting Guidelines

- The SurveyMonkey Apply (SMapply) grant portal will require you to fill in forms and upload required documents for a complete application. The step-by-step process allows you to fill out your application at your own pace, save your work, and edit the application until you are ready to submit.
- Please use the following formatting guidelines where applicable:
 - Title each PDF upload as: Last Name.SeniorInvestigatorGrant.Institution.Section Name
- Include a header with the applicant's last name, first name, section name in the upper right-hand corner of each page
- Use Times New Roman or Arial in font size 11. Minimum of 0.8 inch paper margins on all sides.
- **Section 5: Description of Proposed Project:** Include a footer with the page number on the bottom right-hand corner and adhere to the page maximums indicated for each section. Only complete and correctly ordered applications will be considered.
- **Section 8: Budget:** Follow directions on the application