



EXTRAMURAL DISCOVERY SCIENCE (EDS) ACCELERATOR AWARD

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MISSION

The American Cancer Society's mission is to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE EDS ACCELERATOR AWARD

The intent of the EDS Accelerator Award is to support the commercialization of an ongoing cancer research project and to validate and de-risk technologies. Proposals should address key experiments required to move findings toward commercialization, that do not easily fit into traditional funding mechanisms. This mechanism is not designed to initiate new projects or develop new directions for an ongoing project. The proposal should be commercially driven with the PI having a plan to license the technology, either to an established company or a start-up if

- Evidence of education, training, and mentoring for fellows and early stage researchers if appropriate for the grant mechanism.

Grants may include subcontracts with secondary institutions. Subcontracts for the research project may be with public or private institutions, provided they do not violate ACS policies. Subcontracts involving a contractor residing outside the borders of the United States are not permitted, unless the applicant can document that it is not feasible to have the work performed within the United States.

Grant applications will not be accepted, nor will grants be made, for research conducted at:

- For-profit institutions;
- Federal government agencies (including the National Laboratories);
- Organizations supported entirely by the federal government (except postdoctoral fellowship applications);
- Organizations that primarily benefit federal government entities, such as foundations operated by or for the benefit of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMC). However,

Committee Memorandum of Affiliation is in effect between the 2 institutions.

The American Cancer Society does not assume responsibility for the conduct of the activities that the grant supports, or for the acts of the grant recipient, because both are under the direction and control of the grantee institution and subject to its medical and scientific policies. The institution of the PI is responsible for the accuracy, validity, and conformity with the most current institutional guidelines for all administrative, fiscal, and scientific information in the application.

Every grantee institution must safeguard the rights and welfare of individuals who participate as subjects in research activities by reviewing proposed activities through an institutional review board (IRB), as specified by the National Institutes of Health Office for Human Research Protections of the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Furthermore, applicants, applicant institutions, and grantee institutions must adhere to DHHS guidelines as well as ACS guidelines regarding conflicts of interest, recombinant DNA, scientific misconduct, and all other applicable ACS policies and procedures.

To signify agreement with all ACS policies and procedures, an application for a grant must bear the e-signature of the principal investigator. Space is provided for e-signatures for the departmental chair (or equivalent) and institutional official to accommodate institution-specific requirements for proposal submissions, but neither are required for submission to ACS. Note: the PI must enable other signatures.

agreement with all ACS policies and procedures. The institution is responsible for verifying that all documentation related to the grant is correct, including all representations made by any named researcher (e.g., position or title). Further, the institution is responsible for verifying that the

where applicable, or a non-citizen with required US government visa status. If the award does not require US citizenship or permanent residency, the institution is responsible for documenting the

The institution is required to ensure IRB approval is obtained for the grant to start, and the approval documentation is uploaded into ProposalCentral within 3 months of grant activation.

Furthermore, IACUC approval must be obtained before animal work begins. An IACUC approval letter must be uploaded to ProposalCentral within 3 months of grant activation.

It is the responsibility of the institution to immediately report to ACS any finding that any information presented to ACS in connection with the application and/or grant is false. It is also the responsibility of the institution to immediately report to ACS any action including recertification, loss of certification, breach of contract, misconduct, or change in employment status for a named researcher with the institution. This includes administrative leave, which may occur during the term of any award, pertinent to the work described in the grant application.

Failure to abide by the terms above, or by any other ACS policy or procedure, may result in suspension or cancellation of the grant, at the sole discretion of ACS.

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responsibility of the individual recipient and the sponsoring institution. We advise all grant and award recipients to consult a tax advisor regarding the status of their awards.

8. PROGRESS REPORTING

All progress reporting forms are available at <https://proposalcentral.com/> tab.

- T property report.
- A final progress report is due within 60 days after the grant has terminated. The report should include information about the licensing status of the technology. The final report should cover the entire grant period. In the event a grant is extended without additional funds or is terminated early, the final report is due 60 days after the new termination date of the grant.
- In addition to a final progress report, at the end of the project period grantees are encouraged to meet with the ACS BrightEdge team to discuss the next steps of the project and commercialization.
- Grantees must submit reports in a timely manner. If this is not possible, a grantee must make a written request to extend the reporting deadline. Noncompliance may result in the withholding of payment on all grants in effect at the recipient institution until reports are received.
- Please note that up-to-date annual reports are required when requesting any grant modifications, including institutional transfers or no-cost extensions.

9. FINANCIAL RECORDS AND REPORTING

the award letter; annual financial reports are not required. Any change in terms, such as a no-orms can be found under the

unexpended funds must be returned to the Society.

Grantees must submit financial reports in a timely manner. If this is not possible, a grantee must make a written request to extend the reporting deadline. Noncompliance may result in the withholding of payment on all grants in effect at the recipient institution until reports are received.

Institutions must maintain separate accounts for each grant, with substantiating invoices available for audit by representatives of the ACS. The Society is not responsible for expenditures made prior to the start date of the grant, costs incurred after termination or cancellation of the grant, costs incurred after the last date at the current institution, in the event of a transfer and, commitments against a grant not paid within 60 days following the expiration date, or any expenditures that exceed the tot

10. EXPENDITURES

It is the recommendation of the Society not to exceed the accumulated monthly installments of the grant. In the event of a cancellation or transfer, the institution is only entitled to the prorated amount of the award accumulated between the start and end dates (See Section 19, Cancellation and Transfer of Grant).

The Society's *research grants* do NOT provide funds (direct budget) for such items as:

- **Administrative**
 - Administrative salaries not specifically related to the research project
 - Membership dues
- **Tuition, books, and fees**
 - Student tuition and fees (graduate or undergraduate).
 - Books and periodicals
- **Office or laboratory setup and expenses**
 - Office and laboratory furniture
 - Office equipment and supplies
 - Rental of office or laboratory space
 - Construction, renovation, or maintenance of buildings or laboratories
- **Other**
 - Recruiting and relocation expenses
 - Non-medical services to patients (travel to a clinical site or patient incentives are allowable expenses)

- 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, publication and issuance or grant of any application for a patent or other statutory right for

The term of this Agreement shall extend until the expiration of the last to expire patent in any jurisdiction that covers the Funded Invention, or three years past decline of revenue to \$0, or once the cap has been met.

F. Development and Commercialization of Funded Invention

The Society wishes to support and accelerate the commercialization and deployment of the results from Grantee's research. To help Grantee bring its Funded Invention to market as quickly as possible, Grantee shall inform The Society if Grantee decides to commercialize or seek investment in any Funded Invention. The Society requests that the Grantee offer The Society an opportunity to fund, facilitate, invest, or otherwise participate

- Collaborations with ACS Discovery Scientists
- Appendix A: Guidelines for Maintaining Research and Peer Review Integrity