

CHALLENGE GRANT *in ovarian cancer research*
\$150,000 Two-Year Award
Request for Applications

Challenge Grant Overview

The Marsha Rivkin Center (MRC) for Ovarian Cancer Research is announcing funding for one Challenge Grant award to be allocated based on scientific merit. A two-year award of \$150,000 will be awarded to a project focused on the origins of ovarian cancer with the goal of accelerating the early detection of ovarian cancer.

Priority for funding will be given to proposals that leverage the most current understanding of the diverse tissues involved in the origin of the disease. Applications may be directed toward but are not limited to the investigation of (1) cell types giving rise to ovarian cancer and (2) genetic disruptions and molecular pathways involved in the earliest neoplastic changes giving rise to ovarian cancer.

Applicants may budget for salary support, materials, supplies, consumables, travel costs for scientific meetings, and other expenses as justified. *Funds are for direct costs only; institutional overhead and indirect costs will not be included in the award.*

Eligibility

Investigators at all levels from institutions in and outside of the U.S. are encouraged to apply.

Requirements upon funding

An interim scientific and financial progress report must be provided in writing following the first year. A final scientific report, final financial report, and lay abstract must be provided in writing within 90 days after the completion of the funding period. In addition, award recipients will be required to present at the next forthcoming MRC Symposium following the completion of funding. The Rivkin Center will provide a travel stipend in addition to

Challenge Grant funding unless travel funds remain as part of the award.

Award recipients are encouraged to use results to publish findings and develop full-scale follow-up funding applications to national agencies.

Letter of Intent Format and Instructions

A letter of intent must be submitted by every interested applicant. The letter should include a descriptive title of the proposed project; the name, institution, street address, email, and telephone number of the Principal Investigator; and no more than 300 words describing the basic premise of the proposed study. Arial, Times New Roman, or other acceptable font may be used (12 point minimum) with 1" margins minimum.

Only selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal for review. *Please do not submit a full proposal unless you have been invited to do so.*

Letter of Intent Submission

An electronic copy of the letter of intent must be received by 5 PM Pacific Standard Time on **March 1, 2011** to wendy.law@swedish.org.

Award Process Timeline

RFA Released	February 2, 2011
Letters of Intent Due	March 1, 2011
Full Applications Due	April 22, 2011
Grant Start Date	July 1, 2011

Details on the full proposal format may be found at <http://marsharivkin.org/research/apply.html>.

Questions may be directed to Wendy Law, PhD at wendy.law@swedish.org.

Since its inception in 1996, the Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research has been instrumental in supporting and organizing the research community to find solutions to ovarian cancer. Founded by renowned oncologist Dr. Saul Rivkin and his five daughters in memory of his wife who passed away after a long battle with ovarian cancer, the Rivkin Center works closely with its distinguished partners: Swedish Medical Center, the region's most extensive cancer treatment facility which has been treating cancer patients for more than 80 years; and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, internationally recognized for its pioneering research. For more information, please visit www.rivkin.org.