

Pilot Study Program Overview:

The Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research is announcing funds for approximately ten Pilot Study Program awards to be allocated based on scientific merit. One-year awards at \$75,000 each, Pilot Study Program awards will support investigator-initiated projects in all areas of ovarian cancer research. *Funds are for direct costs only; institutional overhead and indirect costs will not be included in the award.*

Applicants may budget for salary support, materials, supplies, consumables, travel costs for scientific meetings, and other expenses as justified. Budget and budget justification must be included with the application.

Priority for funding will be given to proposals that are:

- *Innovative*
- *Multidisciplinary*
- *Likely to lead to submission of grant applications for independently funded investigations*
- *Have translational research potential*

Eligibility:

Investigators at all levels are encouraged to apply.

Requirements upon funding:

A final scientific report, final financial report, and lay abstract must be provided within 90 days after the completion of the funding period. In addition to all final reports and annual updates, award recipients will be required to present at the next forthcoming Rivkin Center Symposium following the completion of funding. The Rivkin Center will provide travel in addition to Pilot Study funding unless travel funds remain as part of the award.

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

Application Format and Instructions:

Applicants should submit a proposal to the Marsha Rivkin Center including a scientific plan, budget and budget justification, CV (biosketch), other support, and a 100-word lay abstract.

Applications should be submitted using forms from our website (Arial or other acceptable font, 11 point minimum, 8.5" x 11" paper, 0.5" margins). Required forms include Face Page, Table of Contents, Detailed Budget, Entire Budget with Budget Justification, Biosketch (2-page), Other Support, and Continuation pages for the scientific plan and lay abstract. The scientific plan should be no more than five pages in length addressing each of the following areas: Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Results (if available), and Research Design and Methods. All tables, figures, and images must fit within the five-page limit. References, human subjects, and vertebrate animals should be included as necessary and are not included in the five-page limit. Additional materials (e.g. published papers) will not be considered.

Application Submission:

One hard document with original signatures, three hard copies, and one electronic copy (Adobe PDF) must be *received* by **December 1, 2011**. The electronic copy may be sent separately via email.

Send application materials to:

Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research
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Seattle, WA 98122
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More Information:

Visit www.rivkin.org for the latest "Pilot Study Program Guidelines" and required application forms. Questions may be directed to Wendy Law, PhD at wendy.law@swedish.org or (206) 215-2964.

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 Marsha 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.