



Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research
SCIENTIFIC SCHOLAR AWARDS *in ovarian cancer research*
\$60,000 One-Year Awards
Request for Applications

Scientific Scholar Award Overview:

The Marsha Rivkin Center (MRC) for Ovarian Cancer Research is announcing funds for approximately three Scientific Scholar awards to be allocated based on scientific merit. A one-year grant at \$60,000 each, Scientific Scholar Awards are intended to assist promising laboratory and clinical scientists in pursuing a career as an independent investigator in ovarian cancer research. *Funds are for direct costs only; institutional overhead and indirect costs will not be included in the award.*

Applicants may budget up to 50% 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.

Eligibility:

Potential candidates will have an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree with career goals focused on ovarian cancer. Clinicians will have completed their residency. Candidates should be at the post-doc/fellow, instructor, research assistant, or assistant professor level with no more than 3-4 years in any of these positions. Established, outstanding scientists without prior focus in ovarian cancer but looking to focus in this disease area are also encouraged to apply.

Requirements upon funding:

A final report, lay abstract, and final financial report must be provided within 90 days after the completion of the funding period. In addition to all annual and/or final reports, award recipients will be required to present at the next forthcoming MRC Symposium following the completion of funding. The Marsha Rivkin Center will provide travel in addition to Scientific Scholar Award 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 cover letter, mentor's statement(s), career development plan, scientific plan, budget and budget justification, CV (biosketch), other support, and a 100-word lay abstract.

Applications should be submitted using standard PHS 398 forms following NIH format (Arial or other acceptable font, 11 point minimum, 0.5" margins). Required PHS forms include Face Page, Table of Contents, Detailed Budget, Entire Budget with Budget Justification, Biosketch, 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), Experimental Methods, and Design. 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.

Cover Letter:

A cover letter must accompany the application and should contain the following information:

- Name of candidate, current title, and institution
- Prior training/experience in ovarian cancer
- Short and long term research and career goals
- Suggested mentors

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Mentor's Statement(s):

Please include a letter(s) of support from your mentor(s) including information on relevant experience and commitment to your research plan and nature of the supervision that will occur during the award period.

Career Development Plan:

A systematic plan should be presented for obtaining the necessary research experiences to launch an independent ovarian cancer research career. The plan must detail additional training and/or classes needed to meet goals.

The career development plan must be specifically tailored to the applicant's needs and with the ultimate goal of achieving independence as a researcher. Describe how the award will contribute to your ability to fulfill both short-term and long-term goals.

The plan should identify 1-2 mentors and include a justification for one year of mentored research experience. Describe each mentor's areas of expertise and responsibilities, and the rationale for your choice of mentors. A convincing case must be presented to demonstrate that the support will substantially enhance your career and/or will allow the pursuit of a novel or promising study with research objectives.

Application Submission:

Six hard copies of all application materials plus 1 electronic copy (Adobe PDF) must be *received* by **December 1, 2009**. The electronic copy may be sent separately via email.

Send application materials to:

Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research
801 Broadway Avenue, Suite 701
Seattle, WA 98122
wendy.law@swedish.org

More Information:

For more information, including links to required PHS forms, please see "Scientific Scholar Award Guidelines" on our website at www.marsharivkin.org.

Questions may be directed to Wendy Law, PhD:

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