

## Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research

### SCIENTIFIC SCHOLAR AWARD *in ovarian cancer research* Request for Applications

#### **Program Overview:**

Approximately \$210,000 is available from the Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research to fund up to 7 awards to be allocated based on merit between the Pilot Study and Scientific Scholar Award Programs. The **Scientific Scholar Award** is intended to assist promising laboratory and clinical scientists to pursue a career as an independent investigator in ovarian cancer research. The award provides 50% salary support up to \$30,000 for one year. *Funds are for direct costs only; institutional overhead and indirect costs will not be included in the award.*

#### **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.

#### **Application:**

Applicants should submit a proposal using standard PHS 398 forms to the Marsha Rivkin Center by **5pm PST, December 3, 2007**. Application must include cover letter, career development plan, research plan, mentor's statement, other support and CV.

#### **Cover Letter:**

The following information should be included:

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

#### **Career Development Plan:**

Describe a career development plan incorporating your goals and prior experience.

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

The career development plan must be specifically tailored to your needs and 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 1 year of mentored research experience. Describe your mentors' respective areas of expertise and responsibilities, and the rationale for your choice of mentors. A convincing case must be presented supporting the justification that the support will substantially enhance your career and/or will allow the pursuit of a novel or promising study with research objectives.

#### **Research Plan:**

The research plan must include sections on the Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Progress Report/Preliminary Studies, Research Design and Methods. *Mentors should participate in the development of this section.* Please include sources of funding that can be used to cover research costs, outside of the salary support needed to conduct the research.

The research plan should be no more than five pages in length, and should be written in NIH format (Arial or other acceptable font, 11 point, 0.5" margins), addressing each of the following areas: Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Results (if available), Research Design and Methods. References, human subjects, and vertebrate animals should be included as necessary, and are not subject to the five-page limit.



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***Mentors' Statement:***

Please include letters of support from your mentors including information on relevant experience and commitment to your research plan and nature of the supervision that will occur during the award period.

***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 first MRC Biennial Symposium following the completion of funding. The Marsha Rivkin Center will provide travel in addition to pilot study funding unless travel funds remain as part of award.

Award recipients are encouraged to pursue a career in ovarian cancer research and to use results to develop their research goals and objectives into larger-scale studies.

For more information please see "Scientific Scholar Program Guidelines" on our website at [www.marsharivkin.org](http://www.marsharivkin.org)

***Application Submission:***

*Send 1 electronic copy (Adobe PDF), plus 5 copies of all application materials to the address below.*

***Application Deadline: 5pm PST, December 3, 2007***

***Send materials to:***

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