

CANCER LEAGUE OF COLORADO
CANCER RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM 2008

Cancer League of Colorado, Inc. grants are made possible by the fund raising efforts of the membership. The purpose of the League's Cancer Research Grants Program is to support exceptional research projects that will help lead to the conquest of cancer.

Projects in laboratory, clinical, or cancer control research will be considered for funding. Particular emphasis will be placed on support of independent junior investigators, post-doctoral and research fellows (M.D. or Ph.D. certified), and pilot studies which will become eligible for further funding through conventional support mechanisms, projects designed to foster collaborative interactive and inter-institutional studies, projects to explore highly innovative, unconventional or high risk approaches to the cancer problem, and projects with special significance to cancer in Colorado.

ELIGIBILITY

Scientists and clinicians of non-profit research, medical service and educational institutions located in the State of Colorado are eligible to apply for grants. Educational institution members must have faculty status or a mentor with faculty status.

Research projects, which have been previously funded by another agency, may be eligible for grants from the Cancer League of Colorado if adequate justification is provided. Each Principal Investigator or head of a laboratory is limited to one application per year.

DURATION

Research grants will be made for research to take place in the next 12 months beginning July 1. Under exceptional circumstances grants may be extended for no longer than one year with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Cancer League. Requests for extensions must be filed with Cancer League 30 days prior to expiration of the grant term.

INDIRECT COST RECOVERY

It is the policy of the Cancer League of Colorado that no indirect cost recovery (ICR) is granted and that all funds are direct cost only. Applicants from institutions must obtain a waiver of ICR to receive Cancer League funding.

APPLICATIONS

The Cancer League of Colorado Cancer Research Grant Application Form must be utilized for all applications to be considered for funding.

Both the Principal Investigator and an Institutional Official authorized to accept responsibility for administration of the grant must sign the face page (application form) signifying their assurance that they will abide by the requirements of the Cancer League of Colorado and this program. In the case of a fellowship, the Fellow must write the proposal and the signature of the Mentor is also required. Grant applications in the proper form must be received by Wednesday, March 12, 2008. Any application received after this date will not be accepted.

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LAY SUMMARY

Applications must include a summary of the project, limited to a single-spaced, half page of type. Using 12 pt. Times or Arial Font. It should consist of a brief description of the objectives, rationale, methods, and expected results, written so that it will be understandable by a lay audience. Applicants must provide a list of key personnel, institutions and role on project including consultants and collaborators.

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BUDGET

I. Fellowships. The Cancer League will consider up to 50% of the salary for a post-doctoral fellow. In general, stipends will be considered depending on experience as per NIH guidelines, plus reasonable remuneration for supplies and fringe benefits.

II. Research Grants. A detailed, categorical budget request for the project must be provided. Only direct costs are allowed. Up to 50% of salaries and fringe benefits may be included for technicians with at least a bachelor's degree, post doctoral fellows, and graduate students training to be Principal Investigators (PI), except that no salaries will be allowed for faculty or equivalent positions. Justification should be included for any costs that are unusual. Travel funds or items of major equipment (cost per item exceeding \$5,000 with useful life of more than one year) are not allowed and costs for Publication of results will be allowable up to \$1,000. Funds will not be provided to pay for clinical services or equipment that is otherwise a reimbursable cost. Awards cannot exceed \$30,000.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Fellowship applications should include the Biographical Sketch for the Fellow and the Preceptor who is the Principal Investigator. Research grant applications should include the of the Principal Investigator and all personnel included in budget.

Biographical sketches should use NIH form 398.

A letter of support from the Mentor is required for independence of his position, research space, and other funding.

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CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT

All applicants must include a complete list of all current and pending research support for all key personnel on the Research Support form. Describe overlap with your current application

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PROJECT PLAN

A complete, but concise description of the project must be included. This portion of the application should contain the specific aims (no more than 1-1/2 pages), experimental design and methods (limited to three pages), and any other information required to fully describe the proposed work. The project plan should be no more than a total of six typed pages including figures, tables and other relevant data.

Specifications: Fonts should be 12 pts. or larger, Times Roman or Arial; fonts for figure legends-- no smaller than 10 pts. Margins –3/4" all around. Failure to follow instructions results in administrative disqualification and submission will not be reviewed.

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LITERATURE CITED.

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OTHER FACTORS AND ASSURANCES

Applicants may include a concise description of any other factors that should be considered in evaluation of the proposal; for example, specialized resources of equipment available to the study, collaborative arrangement (verified by letter of agreement) or special relevance to Colorado.

If the proposed work involves human subjects, vertebrate animals, or recombinant DNA research, the Principal Investigator and Institutional Official, and Mentor, if applicable, must certify that they will adhere to appropriate regulations of the United States Public Health Service, National Institute of Health, including approval of the study by a properly constituted Institutional Review Board, Institutional Animal Use and Care Committee, or Biosafety Committee, respectively. If the proposed grant is for a fellowship, the Mentor must include his assurance of proper supervision and conduct of the research.

PUBLICATIONS

All publications, abstracts or similar communications resulting from work supported by the Cancer League of Colorado must acknowledge this support by inclusion of the statement: "Supported (in part) by a research grant from the Cancer League of Colorado, Inc." A reprint or copy of the publication or abstract must be sent to the Cancer League of Colorado, Inc.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Recipients of Cancer League of Colorado research and fellowship grants are required to submit the following two (2) reports, to be written in lay terms:

*A SIX (6) MONTH UPDATE SHALL BE A ONE-PARAGRAPH PROGRESS REPORT.

*A FINAL REPORT SHALL SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS OF THE STUDIES SUPPORTED BY THE GRANT AND INCLUDE ALL PUBLISHED RESULTS FROM THE WORK.

The final report, if a fellowship grant, should be cosigned by the Mentor. The final report must be submitted to the Cancer League of Colorado within 60 days of the conclusion of the grant.

Failure to submit a final report will jeopardize future funding to the individual and the institution.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

The Cancer League of Colorado requires that the applicant's institution provide a full accounting of the expenditure of funds from the grant. Please send this accounting to the Cancer League within 60 days of the grant's completion. The Cancer League of Colorado reserves the right to rescind the grant or to disallow expenditures when it deems them inappropriate to the approved goals of the project, or to be contrary to the best interests of the League and its Cancer Research Grants Program.

SUBMITTAL

Applicants must submit an original and eighteen (18) copies of the completed grant application on or before Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Send application to:

Ruth Pana, Vice-President, Funds Allocation
Cancer League of Colorado, Inc.
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Englewood, CO 80111

If you have any questions contact:

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