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GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. How can I know if I’m eligible to apply for a grant or award?

Visit our Funding Opportunities page and review the Request for Proposal (RFP) of the program you are interested in. The RFP provides information on the eligibility criteria, application components, application instructions and key dates.

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2. Does Conquer Cancer fund non-US based applicants and institutions?
Yes, most of our programs are open to international applicants and institutions with a non-profit status. Visit our [Funding Opportunities page](#) for more information.

3. Does Conquer Cancer fund unsolicited proposals?
No. We do not accept or review unsolicited proposals.

4. Are indirect costs supported by Conquer Cancer grants?
Yes, unless noted in the Request for Proposal of a specific grant. The allowable overhead/indirect cost is included in the RFP of the program.

5. May I send my application directly to Conquer Cancer?
All applications must be submitted through the ASCO and Conquer Cancer [Application Portal](#). Please do not mail or email any applications directly to Conquer Cancer, they will not be accepted.

6. How do I log in to the ASCO and Conquer Cancer Application Portal?
You will need an ASCO user account to log in. If you don't have an ASCO account, please go to ASCO Sign In and click 'Create an Account'. For assistance with log-in, please contact ASCO Customer Service.

7. What is your grant review process?

Conquer Cancer follows a peer review process for evaluating grant and award applications that is modeled after that of the NIH. Eligible applications are reviewed by ASCO members who are experts in their fields and include scientific reviewers, biostatisticians, and patient advocates.

8. Can I apply to the YIA General competition award and a YIA Special Competition with two separate applications?

An applicant may only submit one application either under a special competition or the general competition. Applicants who applied under a special competition will be considered for funding under the general competition if their application is determined as fundable.

9. How do I withdraw my application?

Please send an email to grants@conquer.org to request the withdrawal of an application.

10. My sponsoring institution wants to issue an announcement related to my Conquer Cancer grant. Do you have guidelines and who is the contact person?

Please follow our guidelines for Promoting Grant and Award Recipients. We also ask that you notify us of any upcoming announcements by emailing grants@conquer.org. Can my institution make a press announcement about my grant or award?

A condition of a grant is that, when relating to the award, all press announcements must have prior approval by Conquer Cancer. We can, where appropriate, provide quotes for press releases. Please send any requests to grants@conquer.org.

11. What are the Conquer Cancer's Intellectual Property and sharing policies?

Discoveries and related regulatory approvals made through the Research Project funded by Conquer Cancer are the property of the Sponsoring Institution or Principal Investigator conducting the research. The Principal Investigator and Sponsoring Institution are responsible for notifying Conquer Cancer of the filing of any letters patent for any discovery, invention, or intellectual property made on research funded by Conquer Cancer.

12. What is the Physician Payments Sunshine Act?

The Physician Payments Sunshine Act, or “Sunshine Act”, is part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (health care reform) that passed in 2010. The law is designed to bring transparency to financial relationships between physicians, teaching hospitals, and healthcare companies. The Sunshine Act requires manufacturers of pharmaceutical drugs and devices, as well as group purchasing organizations, to report payments or transfers of value made to U.S. physicians and teaching hospitals. Reports are made to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a government agency. Learn more about the Sunshine Act.

13. If I receive a grant or award from Conquer Cancer, will I be reported to CMS?

Some Conquer Cancer grants and awards are supported by companies required to report to CMS under the Physician Payments Sunshine Act. Each of the supporting companies must make its own determination of what it must report to comply with the Sunshine Act. Those payments that are determined to be reportable will be published on the public Open Payments website, including the name of the physician recipient and each payment associated with the total amount of the grant.
The Sunshine Act requires that all reportable payments or transfers made starting August 1, 2013 be reported to CMS. To assist Conquer Cancer in complying with its reporting obligations to its supporters, grant recipients will be asked to provide the following information to Conquer Cancer: State of License; State License Number; and National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number. The obligation for Conquer Cancer is to provide this data to the supporting companies based on language in the letters of agreement for this support.

14. Can I submit more than one application for the same award in a given funding cycle?

No, each applicant may submit only one proposal or application for the same award in a given funding cycle.

15. Can I apply to more than one Conquer Cancer grant in a given funding cycle?

Yes, an applicant may submit an application to more than one Conquer Cancer grant or award as long as they meet all the eligibility criteria. However, Conquer Cancer allows the applicant to accept only one award.

16. Where can I find the list of recipients and projects that have been funded by Conquer Cancer?

Visit the Grants & Awards section in ASCO.org and go to View All Recipients. The institution listed reflects the sponsoring institution at the time of grant or award.

17. Where can I find the general terms and conditions of the award I am applying to?

You may find the general terms and conditions of the award in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The Terms and Conditions section of the RFP includes selected provisions of the Terms and Conditions that the applicant and their Sponsoring Institution should review carefully before submitting an application. The RFP does not contain the complete Terms and Conditions document. Conquer Cancer reserves the rights to modify any of the provisions of the Terms and Conditions prior to execution by the applicant and Sponsoring Institution.

18. Do I receive reviewer feedback on my application?

Conquer Cancer provides reviewer feedback on full applications submitted to the following programs: Research Professorship, Advanced Clinical Research Award, Career Development Award, Global Oncology Young Investigator Award, International Innovation Grant, and Young Investigator Award. Scores are not provided.

19. I submitted a proposal that wasn’t funded. May I resubmit?

You may apply again to the same funding opportunity as long as you are still eligible and submit the same proposal. Research grant applicants “resubmitting” a prior application are required to upload a one-page introduction to address the feedback and critiques provided during the prior application cycle.

20. Who do I contact for further information about the Grants and Awards Program?

For grant management and program related inquiries, please call the Grants and Award Program staff at 571-483-1700 or send an email to grants@conquer.org.
ELIGIBILITY

21. I’m on a visa at a US academic institution. Can I apply for a Conquer Cancer grant?

Most Conquer Cancer grants have no citizenship or geographic requirements unless indicated in the program’s RFP. However, by submitting an application, an applicant applying from an institution located in a country in which they are not a citizen or a permanent resident assures that the visa status will provide sufficient time to complete the project and grant term at the institution from which they applied.

22. I am currently enrolled in a PhD program. Can I apply for a YIA?

If the PhD program is part of your MD, PhD program, you must provide a letter from your Program Director to confirm the program structure. This letter should be on official letterhead and may be sent as a PDF to grants@conquer.org, prior to submitting your application. Otherwise, if selected to receive a YIA, you must have completed your PhD before the grant period starts on July 1.

23. I am enrolled in the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Research Pathway. Can I apply for a YIA?

Yes, however, you would need to include in your application as a supporting document an official letter from your program director describing the program at your institution and indicating that you will have the protected research time.

24. I do not have an active medical license yet but will have one by the time the grant period starts. Can I still apply for a YIA (or a CDA)?

You may apply for the YIA (or a CDA). However, we require that you submit a letter from your program director indicating that you will have the appropriate licensure to conduct your study by the time the grant period begins on July 1. This letter should be on official letterhead and may be sent as a PDF to grants@conquer.org prior to submitting your application.

25. Is there an exemption from the 10-year rule after obtaining a medical degree in the YIA eligibility criteria?

Applicants are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and may be granted exemptions corresponding to the length of the issue.

If any of the following scenarios apply, please send an email to grants@conquer.org to explain why you should be considered as a “young investigator” and why an exemption to this eligibility criterion should be granted:

- A fellow who received their MD and PhD in one of many foreign countries that require them to finish their MD training before they can begin their PhD.
- An MD who later chooses to pursue a PhD before specializing in oncology
- An MD or MD/PhD who is recruited by industry but later returns to medicine with an interest in oncology
- An MD or MD/PhD who completes one fellowship and then chooses to further refine their training with an oncology fellowship
- An MD or MD/PhD whose career has been sidetracked due to health, personal issues, or other obligations.

26. I am not in the last two years of my residency in Radiation Oncology. Am I eligible to apply for a YIA?

Applicants whose dedicated year of protected research time falls outside of their last two years of oncology subspecialty training can request an exception. We require a letter from your program director confirming
the structure of the program and that you will have protected research time during the grant period. This letter should be sent as a PDF to grants@conquer.org, prior to submitting your application.

27. I recently completed my subspecialty training and transitioning to a faculty by the time of grant submission. Can I apply for the YIA?

Please send your latest CV to grants@conquer.org to confirm your eligibility.

28. I have a federal career development award. Can I apply for a CDA?

Applicants with concurrent federal career development awards (e.g., K23, K08, or any other type of career development award) are eligible to apply provided there are no scientific and budgetary overlaps.

29. I have an institutional career development award. Can I apply for a CDA?

Applicants with institutional career development awards (e.g., KL2, K12) are eligible to apply provided there are no scientific and budgetary overlaps.

30. I have a private foundation grant. Can I apply for a CDA?

Applicants with career development awards from private foundation grants are not eligible to apply, specifically if the award amount is comparable to that of the Conquer Cancer CDA and if the awards coincide with the CDA award period. Examples include but are not limited to:

- American Association for Cancer Research - Career Development Award
- American Cancer Society - Mentored Research Grant
- Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation – ‘A’ Award Grant
- Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation - Clinical Investigator Award
- Doris Duke Charitable Foundation - Clinical Scientist Development Award
- Lymphoma Research Foundation - Clinical Investigator Career Development Award
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Career Development Program, Scholar Awards and Scholar in Clinical Research Awards
- Melanoma Research Alliance - Young Investigator Awards
- St. Baldrick’s Foundation – St. Baldrick’s Scholar

Conquer Cancer must be informed when a CDA recipient receives other career development awards during the term of the CDA and reserves the right to determine that the CDA may not be held concurrent with other funding.

31. The program criteria indicates that the applicant must commit at least X% of full-time effort in research. Is this specific to the Conquer Cancer grant?

The percent effort applies to total research activities, not just the Conquer Cancer-funded project.
32. Are co-Principal Investigators allowed in a YIA (or a CDA) application?

The YIA and CDA are designed as individual career development awards. Collaborators are allowed in the application, however, there should only be one primary applicant.

33. Who should be a grant mentor?

A mentor is an investigator who will guide your research and help you with your professional development and advancement. Visit the Application Resources page for points to consider when choosing a mentor.

34. How many mentors are allowed in a YIA or CDA application?

An applicant may have a maximum of two mentors, unless otherwise noted in the Request for Proposals. The primary mentor must be from the same institution as the applicant. Each mentor must submit their biosketch and write an individual letter of support for the applicant. The mentorship plan must be signed by both mentors and the applicant.

35. My mentor is the Department Chair who is the same person writing the institutional letter of support. Is this allowed?

No. If the mentor is the Department Chair, the Institutional Letter of Support must come from the Division Head, Dean, or any member of the institution’s leadership that can assure support on the performance of the proposed research.

36. Can someone serve as a mentor for more than one applicant in a given cycle?

A mentor is strongly encouraged to have no more than two mentees applying for the Young Investigator Award, Global Oncology Young Investigator award and/or Career Development Award in a given funding cycle.

37. Is it acceptable that one of my mentors does not hold an appointment at the sponsoring institution directly?

Yes, this is allowed. However, it is required that one of your mentors be from the sponsoring institution.

38. Can my sponsor be the same person who writes my institutional letter of support?

The sponsor may be the same individual writing the institutional letter of support, however, both the sponsor letter of support and institutional letter of support must be separate letters and should be written differently based on the RFP guidelines.

39. Who should write the mentorship plan?

The mentorship plan must be jointly written and signed by the applicant and mentor(s).

40. What bio-sketch form is required?

Applicants should use the most recent NIH biosketch template. The biosketch must not exceed five (5) pages. Please refer to these instructions.

41. Should I use the NIH salary cap when budgeting for salary support?

Yes. Applicants can use the latest NIH Salary Cap.

42. Can you please confirm whether it is allowable for us to include General Auto and Employment Liability (GAEL) insurance assessments on our budget?
This is unfortunately not an allowable charge. We only allow travel costs that are directly related and essential to conducting the research project and related to attendance to the ASCO Annual Meeting.

43. Who do you consider as a patient advocate?

A patient advocate can be a survivor of or person living with cancer, a family member or primary caregiver of a person living with cancer, or other individual with a strong personal connection or experience with cancer. A patient advocate should have a dedicated interest in cancer research (preferably in the type of cancer in which the research is proposed) and survivorship and be able to represent the perspective of patients with cancer/survivors/co-survivors in the development and conduct of the project.

44. What format should the patient advocate Letter of Support follow?

Use the patient advocate’s organization’s official letterhead if affiliated with an organization or personal letterhead if they have it. If not, the letter should include the patient advocate’s name, address and email address. The letter should be signed by the Patient Advocate.

45. My institution does not have research patient advocates. Can you recommend resources?

Please visit the Application Resources page on asco.org for the most up-to-date listing.

ASCO’s Cancer.net Research and Advocacy, Contact patientadvocates@asco.org

How Patient Advocates Help Cancer Research: An Expert Q&A

How Patient Advocacy Helps Advance Cancer Research: A Conversation on Collaboration

Research Advocacy Network

ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research Group

SWOG Cancer Research Network

Children’s Oncology Group

Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology

National Breast Cancer Coalition’s Project LEAD

AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program®

NCI Office of Advocacy Relations

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Clinical Trial Network Patient Advocate Committees

46. Do you have grant writing resources?

Please visit the Application Resources page on asco.org. There are videos that discuss essential grant writing skills, how to work with biostatisticians and patient advocates, completing a biosketch, and more.

47. What documents are considered as “Post Submission Materials” that I may submit?

- Proof of receipt of drug from a company
- Letter from a drug company that they will provide the investigational drug
- Letter of support for any investigational agents
- Letter of collaboration from another laboratory providing expertise for this project
- Letter of resource availability for any other materials necessary for the project (e.g. tissue).
- IRB approval
- Clinical protocol if applicable for all human related studies
- Accepted publications that were initially under review when the application was submitted.
48. Can I make changes to my grant applicant after it has been submitted?

You must notify Conquer Cancer immediately by sending an email to grants@conquer.org if any of the following conditions apply from application submission through award notification:

1. **Withdrawal of Application.** Send an email to grants@conquer.org to inform the Conquer Cancer Grants and Awards team of the reason(s) for withdrawing the application. The email should include the applicant’s name, the title of the proposal, and the reason for withdrawing the application.

2. **Change of Institution or Position.** The applicant has a career plan change, leaves their current position in the institution, or is unable to meet the eligibility requirements of this RFP. If the applicant is selected to receive a YIA, Conquer Cancer has the right in its sole discretion to withdraw the award.

3. **Mentor or Co-Mentor Change of Institution.** The applicant’s mentor or co-mentor leaves their current position or institution.

4. **Change in Proposal (Scope, Timeline, Budget, etc.).** The applicant has significant changes in the submitted proposal affecting aims, research strategy, timeline, and/or budget. If Conquer Cancer is notified of the change in proposal after the applicant is notified of an award, Conquer Cancer has the right in its sole discretion to withdraw the award.

Changes in institution/position, mentor, or project scope after an award notification will require additional documents and review and approval from Conquer Cancer. Conquer Cancer has the right in its sole discretion to withdraw the award.
AWARD ACCEPTANCE

49. I will be at a new sponsoring institution by the start of the grant term. Can I still accept the grant? What information do I need to provide to Conquer Cancer?

Yes, as long as you meet the award’s required percentage commitment of total research activities and other requirements of the award. You will need to submit the following:

- start date at new institution
- new mentor biosketch and letter of support
- new mentorship plan
- new institutional letter of support
- proposed budget at the new institution (if different from the approved application budget)
- brief summary of changes in research project (if there are changes in any the original research project)

Based on the proposed changes, you may be asked to submit a revised research plan, biostatistical plan and project timeline.

Conquer Cancer will review these requirements and has the right in its sole discretion to withdraw the award.

50. Can I delay the start date of my award term? For how long?

You may request that the Award Period be delayed with a start date that begins up to six months after the published start date indicated in the Request for Proposals, which will be approved or disapproved by Conquer Cancer in its sole discretion.

51. I was just awarded a grant. Can I revise the specific aims and/or budget of my grant before the start of the award term?

Yes. You will need to complete a Change of Scope Request (for any changes in specific aims) and/or a Rebudget Request (for changes in the budget) in the application portal, which will be approved or disapproved by Conquer Cancer in its sole discretion.

52. Can I accept multiple awards from Conquer Cancer?

Grant recipients are allowed to hold only one active grant from Conquer Cancer at a time. YIA recipients may accept a Merit Award while their YIA is still active.

53. Do I need to have ASCO membership to accept a Conquer Cancer grant?

Yes. Recipients of multi-year grants must also maintain ASCO membership for the entire duration of the grant. Visit ASCO Membership to join/renew online.
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54. Does the grant get paid to the individual Principal Investigator or to their affiliated organization (e.g., university, agency or NGO)?

Grant funds are paid directly to, and administered by the Principal Investigator’s Sponsoring Institution.

55. I am a CDA recipient and received another CDA from a private foundation. Am I allowed to hold both awards concurrently?

You are allowed to hold both awards concurrently provided it is not for the same project, there are no scientific and budgetary overlaps and if the other funder allows the concurrent award.

56. Where do I find my progress and budget reporting schedule?

You can find your progress and budget reporting schedule as an Exhibit in your award agreement.

57. Where do I submit my progress and budget reports?

Reports must be submitted through our Application Portal at awards.asco.org.

58. I accepted a position at a different institution. May I transfer the grant to continue the project?

Yes, as long as you meet the award’s required percentage commitment of total research activities and other requirements of the award. You can initiate an institution transfer by submitting a request through the application portal. You will need to submit the following:

- new mentor biosketch and letter of support
- new mentorship plan
- new institutional letter of support
- final expenditure report (for active grants)
- proposed budget at the new institution (if different from most recent approved budget)
- your role and contribution in the project

Conquer Cancer will review your request and notify you within 10 business days of requesting approval. If approved, Conquer Cancer will have requirements for the new institution to complete.

59. How will my remaining grant funding move to my new institution?

Your originating institution must submit a final expenditure report showing the remaining balance in the grant. Remaining funds should be remitted to Conquer Cancer, the ASCO Foundation. Once the institution transfer is approved and the refund received, a payment will be issued to the new institution.

60. I am leaving my institution and will not be transferring my grant. May another PI take over the project and continue to receive funding?

No. Mentored grants such as the YIA, CDA, and Global Oncology YIA cannot be transferred to another investigator or to the mentor. The recipient must relinquish their grant and return the unexpended funds to Conquer Cancer.

61. Can I rebudget my grant funds?

You may move funds of up to 5% of the total yearly budget without prior approval from Conquer Cancer. Budget changes of greater than 5% per year between budget categories must be made through the application portal and approved by Conquer Cancer before expenditure of funds.

62. Can I change the aims of my project?
Significant changes in the specific aims of the Research Project will not be allowed without review of change in scope request and prior written consent from Conquer Cancer. Any request for changes in the specific aims of the research project must be made through the application portal prior to making any changes to the Research Project.

63. I need more time to complete my research project. What do I do?

You may request for a no-cost extension (NCE) to extend the project period beyond the original project end date without additional funding. A request for NCE must be made through the application portal. Conquer Cancer approves a six-month NCE at a time. If a no-cost extension is granted by Conquer Cancer, you will submit additional progress reports and financial expenditure reports every six months during the extension term.

64. Do I need to inform Conquer Cancer if I plan to go on sabbatical or take a leave of absence?

Yes, prior approval from Conquer Cancer is required. Please send an email to grants@conquer.org and include the following information:

- A statement that qualifies the leave of absence.
- A brief description of the activities to be performed by the PI recipient while on leave and the relationship to the grant.
- The extent of research to be continued on the grant at the sponsoring institution during the PI recipient’s absence.
- The name and email of the proposed person to be left in charge of day-to-day activities in the PI recipient’s absence.

65. How do I acknowledge the support from Conquer Cancer for my grant?

Recipients must acknowledge Conquer Cancer and the funder of their grant (if applicable) when they submit the results of their research project for publication, presentation (including posters), or other public release. In the event the recipients’ results are published or otherwise publicly released either during or after the grant period, the recipient will provide Conquer Cancer with a copy of such publication or public release. All publications and public releases will include an acknowledgment of Conquer Cancer: “This work was funded by a Conquer Cancer [name of grant]. Any opinions, findings, and conclusions expressed in this material are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect those of the American Society of Clinical Oncology® or Conquer Cancer® [or funder name if applicable].”

The Recipient is encouraged to use an emblem for the program on posters, presentations, and similar items produced for scientific meetings and conferences. The emblem may be used with the acknowledgment language. The Recipient may request this emblem by sending an email to grants@conquer.org.

66. The results of my Conquer Cancer funded grant was accepted for publication. How do I share this with Conquer Cancer?

You can email grants@conquer.org. You may also complete the Publications Form in the application portal.