





**2017 Kaleidoscope of Hope [KOH] Research Grant Request for Proposals
(RFP)
General Research Grants and
Young Investigator Grants**

Intent

The Kaleidoscope of Hope Ovarian Cancer Foundation provides funding opportunities for established and young investigators to initiate new studies or continue current research related to various aspects of ovarian cancer research. Since its' founding in 2000, KOH has awarded over \$2.7 million in research grants.

Areas of Need

Research proposals in the following areas will be considered for funding.

-  Early Detection of Ovarian Cancer including precursor cell studies
-  Treatment of Ovarian Cancer

The following areas will not be considered: survivorship topics, patient education or care resources and awareness education.

Types of Research Grants Offered:

The KOH supports two types of grants – general grants for established researchers and young investigator grants.

General Grants:

Research proposals may be individual projects or part of a larger project related to ovarian cancer. Proposals for clinical trials must be original investigational studies related to ovarian cancer in which the grantee is the PI or co-PI. KOH will support Research Grants of up to \$50,000.

Young Investigator (YI) Grant

Young Investigator Grants support career development in the area of ovarian cancer research. Eligibility requirements for young investigators are listed below. KOH offers YI Grants of up to \$50,000.

Eligibility

- Only grants for research in the United States will be considered.
- For proposals related to a clinical trials all necessary internal institutional research approvals for human trials must be in place prior to the award of any funding.

General Grants:

Investigators or co-investigators who have received KOH funding in the past may apply during this grant cycle. A continuation of grant funding is not guaranteed.

Young Investigator (YI) Grant

In addition to those requirements listed for the General Grants the Young Investigators must also meet the following requirements:

- Must have the support of a qualified mentor. A qualified mentor must be an established ovarian cancer researcher and must be willing to provide support for the career development of the YI during the funding period.
- Must meet the following criteria:
 - 1) A post-doc fellow or assistant professor within 5 years (excluding clinical training) of completing his/her terminal degree.
 - 2) An assistant professor (or equivalent) within 3 years of initiating independent research.

Application Process:

All proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format via e-mail. Please do not send CD's nor hard copies.

E-mail should be sent to : info@kohnj.org

Proposals must include the following elements on numbered pages:

1. Title of Project
2. A Technical abstract (Limited to 250 words each) A rationale of the study, its aims and brief overview of research design and methods
3. A Lay abstract abstract (Limited to 250 words each)
4. A Proposal Narrative (not to exceed 6 pages) including:
 - Background including any preliminary studies
 - Hypothesis
 - Aims
 - Study design and methods
 - Impact of this study
5. Budget and Justification Summary that details direct costs. Use of KOH funds for indirect costs, PI salary or travel is not allowed. **Note : A YI may apply for funding to attend one conference.*
6. Project timeline – expected chronological progress toward project aims
7. Bio-sketch of investigators in NIH format (4 page limit)

8. A Letter of recommendation from the relevant person overseeing the institution, department or lab where the research will be conducted.
**Note: YI grant proposals must include a mentor's letter of support*
9. Literature cited
10. Address, e-mail and phone number with contact name where the grant funds should be sent
11. The name that should appear on the grant funding check
12. Full contact information for the researcher including e-mails, mailing addresses and phone numbers

Full proposals are due by **Monday, October 31, 2016**. Applicants will be notified by KOH by **February 2017** regarding the status of their application. Incomplete proposals, those that do not comply with these guidelines and those not submitted by the deadline **will not** be considered for funding.

Selection Process:

KOH utilizes an external peer-review process for all research proposals.

The reviewers will evaluate each proposal according to the following criteria:

1. **Impact** - The proposal, if successful, will make a significant contribution to lives of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer and ovarian cancer research.
2. **Technical Merit** – The proposal has a clear research plan and ensures the study goals are met with rigorous methods, clear aims and analysis.
3. **Feasibility** – The extent to which the work can be accomplished by the investigator (given the experience, expertise, and commitment of the investigator) as well as the background data and budget.

The KOH Board of Directors will discuss the recommendations of the independent reviewers and vote on each proposal. The Board reserves the right to grant smaller awards than requested.

Awardee requirements:

By accepting funding awardees agree to:

- Attend the KOH awards function and present a 5 minute presentation on their research, Spring 2017
- Submit a half-year progress report (three page maximum narrative/ data) and a one-page budget report to KOH by October 15, 2017.
- Submit a final report (three page narrative and final budget report), to KOH by May 1, 2018.
- Acknowledge the support of the Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation in publications/ posters/ presentations related to the research supported by KOH.

Award schedule:

KOH agrees to award 50% of the total award on May 15, 2017 and the remaining award monies on November 1, 2017 after receipt of the half-year progress report.

For questions regarding the proposal process please contact KOH at

Phone: 973-644-0500

Email: info@kohnj.org

Standard mail:

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