



# KALEIDOSCOPE *Hope*

## Ovarian Cancer Foundation

### **2024 Kaleidoscope of Hope (KOH) Ovarian Cancer Foundation Research Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) General Research Grants and Young Investigator Grants**

#### **Intent:**

The Kaleidoscope of Hope Ovarian Cancer Foundation (KOH) 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 \$3 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. Those areas fall under our Community Grant proposal request. For more information please visit :[kohnj.org/funded-research](http://kohnj.org/funded-research) and click on **Grant Application** on the right.

#### **Types of Research Grants Offered:**

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 primary investigator (PI) or co-PI. KOH will support research grants up to \$50,000. The grant period is one year. Only one No Cost Extension will be given. If researchers move institutions during the year of the grant or the extension period if requested, a budget report and all unused funds must be returned to KOH. A letter of request for funding the project at the new institution is required before funds are re-awarded.

##### *Young Investigator (YI) Grants:*

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 up to \$50,000. The grant period is one year.

#### **Eligibility**

- Only grants for research in the United States will be considered. Preference will be given to research taking place in New Jersey.

## Eligibility (continued):

- For proposals related to 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 each grant cycle. A continuation of grant funding is not guaranteed.

### *Young Investigator (YI) Grants:*

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-doctoral fellow or assistant professor within 5 years (excluding clinical training) of completing his/her terminal degree. **OR**
  2. An assistant professor (or research fellow) 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 CDs or hard copies.

Research grant applications open on August 7, 2024!

E-mail should be sent to: [info@kohnj.org](mailto:info@kohnj.org).

## Proposals must include the following elements in this order:

1. Name of Investigator
2. Title of project
3. A technical abstract (limited to 250 words each) - A rationale of the study, its aims and brief overview of research design and methods
4. A lay abstract (limited to 250 words each)
5. 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 detailing direct costs. Use of KOH funds for indirect costs, PI salary or travel is not allowed. \*Note:A YI may request funding to attend one conference.
6. Project timeline – expected chronological progress toward project aims
7. Bio-sketch of investigator/s in NIH format (4 page limit)
8. A letter of recommendation from the relevant person overseeing the institution, department or laboratory where the research will be conducted. \*Note: YI grant proposals must also include a mentor's letter of support. If the chair, etc and mentor are one and the same, only one letter is required. Mention of the dual role must be stated in the letter.
9. Literature cited
10. The name that should appear on the grant award check plus the address, e-mail and phone number of contact person where the grant funds will be sent
11. Full contact information for the researcher including e-mails, mailing addresses and phone numbers

## **Application Process: Proposal order (continued):**

Full proposals are due by **October 28, 2024**. KOH will notify applicants regarding the status of their applications by the end of **March 2025**. 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 the 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 a KOH function and make a presentation on his/her research. Date to be determined.
- Submit a half-year progress report (three page maximum narrative/ data) and a one-page budget report to KOH by November 15, 2025.
- Submit a final report (three page narrative and final budget report) to KOH by May 15, 2026. At the end of the grant year or extension year, whichever may apply, any unexpended KOH grant funds must be returned to the foundation.
- Acknowledge the support of Kaleidoscope of Hope Ovarian Cancer Foundation in publications/posters/presentations/interviews related to the research supported by KOH.
- The Awardee's institution should notify KOH of any publicity regarding this KOH grant. (Send to [info@kohnj.org](mailto:info@kohnj.org), mail to Kaleidoscope of Hope Ovarian Cancer Foundation, PO Box 1124, Madison, NJ 07940)

## **Award schedule:**

KOH agrees to award 50% of the total award on/about May 15, 2025 and the remaining award monies on/about December 2, 2025 after receipt of the half-year progress report and revised budget which are due in November.

## **For questions regarding the proposal process please contact KOH at:**

*Phone:*

973-644-0500

*Email:*

[info@kohnj.org](mailto:info@kohnj.org)

*Standard mail:*

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Task	Completed
Name of Investigator	
Title	
Technical abstract	
Lay abstract	
Proposal narrative	
Budget justifications summary	
Project timeline	
Bio-sketch	
Letter of recommendation plus Mentor letter of recommendation if YI	
Literature cited	
Contact information where grant award should be sent	
Contact information for investigator	
Complete RFP submitted as PDF via e-mail by October 28, 2024	

**Submitted Proposal Checklist:**