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OVARIAN CANCER FOUNDATION
Funding Research and Awareness for Ovarian Cancer

2026 Research Grant Request for Proposals
General Research Grants and Young Investigator Grants

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Dear Colleagues,

Kaleidoscope of Hope (KOH) Ovarian Cancer Foundation, is pleased to announce that the 2026 KOH Research Grant Request for Proposals is now open, offering General Research Grants and Young Investigator Grants in support of ovarian cancer research. Since its founding in 2000, KOH has awarded over $3 million in research grants to investigators working to improve the detection and treatment of ovarian cancer, and we invite your institution's faculty including early-career investigators to apply.

Research priorities. This cycle, KOH will consider proposals focused on the early detection of ovarian cancer, including studies of precursor cells and the components of their environment, and on the treatment of ovarian cancer. Proposals addressing survivorship, patient education, care resources, or awareness education fall outside this RFP and should instead be directed to KOH's separate Community Grant program; further information on both programs is available at kohnj.org/funded-research, where the Grant Application link appears on the right side of the page.

Grant types. KOH offers two forms of support. General Grants fund individual projects or components of a larger ovarian cancer research effort, including original investigational clinical trials in which the applicant serves as principal investigator or co-investigator; awards reach up to $50,000 over a one-year grant period, with a single No Cost Extension available upon request. Young Investigator (YI) Grants, also up to $50,000 over one year, are intended to support career development for researchers early in their independent research careers. Investigators who relocate institutions during the grant or extension period must return a budget report and any unused funds to KOH, and re-award to the new institution requires a new letter of request.

Eligibility. KOH will consider only research conducted in the United States. Any proposal involving clinical trials must have all required institutional approvals for human subjects research in place before funds are awarded. Investigators and co-investigators who have received KOH funding previously remain eligible to apply in each new cycle, though continued funding is never guaranteed. Young Investigator applicants must, in addition to meeting the General Grant requirements, secure the support of a qualified mentor — an established ovarian cancer researcher willing to guide the applicant's career development throughout the funding period — and must be either a post-doctoral fellow or assistant professor within five years of completing a terminal degree (excluding clinical training), or an assistant professor or research fellow within three years of beginning independent research.

How to apply. All proposals must be submitted electronically as a single PDF by e-mail to info@kohnj.org. The 2026 cycle is opened for applications , and complete proposals are due by Friday, December 11, 2026, at 11:59 PM EST. Proposals received after this deadline, or that do not follow these guidelines, will not be considered for funding, so we encourage institutions to share this deadline widely and early with eligible faculty.

Each proposal should be assembled, in order, as follows: the name of the investigator; the title of the project; a technical abstract of no more than 250 words covering the study's rationale, aims, and a brief overview of research design and methods; a lay abstract of no more than 250 words; a proposal narrative of no more than six pages addressing background and preliminary studies, hypothesis, aims, study design and methods, and the impact of the study; a budget and justification summary detailing direct costs only, since KOH funds may not be used for indirect costs, PI salary, or travel (with the exception that a Young Investigator may request funds to attend one conference); a project timeline showing expected progress toward the study's aims; an NIH-format biosketch for each investigator, not to exceed four pages; a letter of recommendation from the person overseeing the institution, department, or laboratory where the work will be conducted (Young Investigator applications must also include a separate letter of mentor support, unless the department chair and mentor are the same person, in which case one letter noting both roles will suffice); a list of literature cited; the name, address, e-mail, and phone number of the contact to whom the award check should be sent; and full contact information — e-mail, mailing address, and phone number — for the researcher.

KOH will notify applicants of funding decisions by the end of March 2027.

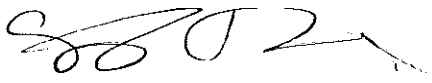
What funded investigators commit to. Awardees agree to submit a half-year progress report (a narrative of no more than three pages, with data, plus a one-page budget report) to KOH by November 15, 2027; and to submit a final report (a three-page narrative plus a final budget report) by May 15, 2028, returning any unexpended KOH funds to the Foundation at the close of the grant or extension year. Awardees must also acknowledge KOH's support in any related publications, posters, presentations, or interviews, and should ask their institution to notify KOH of any publicity concerning the award, either by e-mail to info@kohnj.org or by mail to Kaleidoscope of Hope Ovarian Cancer Foundation, PO Box 1124, Madison, NJ 07940.

Award schedule. KOH will disburse 50% of each award on or about May 15, 2027, with the remaining funds released on or about December 2, 2027, following KOH's receipt of the required half-year progress report and revised budget in November.

We hope you will share this opportunity broadly within your institution, particularly with early-career investigators who may be eligible for a Young Investigator Grant. Questions about the proposal process are welcome at any time by phone at 973-644-0500, by e-mail at info@kohnj.org, or by mail to Kaleidoscope of Hope Ovarian Cancer Foundation, PO Box 1124, Madison, NJ 07940.

We look forward to receiving your institution's proposals by November 13, 2026, at 11:59 PM EST.

Sincerely,



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