



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
The Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research
Rising Star Grant
2019

Purpose

The Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation (“Tina’s Wish”) is requesting Proposals for the *Tina’s Wish Rising Star Grants* for 2019. Tina’s Wish is committed to supporting early career researchers who bring fresh approaches to the study of the early detection or prevention of ovarian cancer. The goal is to assist and support promising researchers in the ovarian cancer field and to encourage them to take risks and develop innovative projects.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria (*applicants must meet ALL the criteria listed*)

1. Applicants must be working in a school of medicine or public health, or a recognized non-profit scientific research facility in the United States.
2. Applicants must have a mentor established in the ovarian cancer research community and at the same institution as the applicant.
3. The research project for which support is requested should be innovative and not currently funded.
4. PhD applicants must be within three years of completing their degree at the time of the application due date and be at the postdoctoral level of training or similar; MD or MD-PhD applicants must be at the instructor or assistant professor level (or similar faculty position) within three years of starting their first faculty appointment at the time of the estimated award date.

Funding

1. Two-year grant.
2. The award’s annual total costs of \$75,000 are inclusive of indirect costs, which should not exceed 10%. Total grant \$150,000 over 2 years.
3. The second year of funding is contingent on adequate progress made during the first year of funding.

Selection Process

1. The Tina’s Wish Scientific Advisory Board and external reviewers will review the proposals and utilize NIH quantitative and qualitative criteria for evaluation.
2. Criteria used to assess the proposal will include the strength of the scientific proposal, a commitment on the part of the applicant to sustained research on early detection and/or prevention of ovarian cancer, and a strong mentor relationship.

Timeline

1. Application deadline: April 29, 2019 at 11:59pm Eastern time zone.
2. Announcement of the 2019 Rising Star Grant will be made on or around July 15th, 2019.
3. Written critiques will not be provided to unsuccessful applicants.
4. Funding will commence on September 1, 2019.

Materials to Submit:

- A. **Excel spreadsheet:** see attachment for completion
- B. **All of the following items should be submitted in one pdf in the following order:**
 1. **Cover sheet** including:
 - a. PI Name
 - b. PI Institution
 - c. Name of project
 - d. PI email and phone number
 - e. Mentor name
 2. **Research grant proposal** in standard format, no longer than three (3) pages.

The research grant proposal should include (within the three-page limit):

- a. **Research strategy:** briefly describe the specific aims and approach to the proposed research.
- b. **Innovation:** briefly describe how the proposed research is innovative.
- c. **Impact:** briefly describe how the proposed research findings could impact a critical problem or question in early detection or prevention of ovarian cancer research.

Note: The **research grant proposal** should be no longer than three (3) pages inclusive of all figures, tables and supplemental materials. One additional page for references is allowed and does not count toward the three-page limit. Appendices will not be reviewed.

The following items should be included with your submission (and do not count toward the three (3) page limit):

3. An **NIH biosketch** for both the principal investigator/applicant and mentor.
4. **Career development statement:** A statement of 500 words or less describing the applicant's career development to date and future career goals.

5. **Project lay summary:** A 250-word public abstract in non-scientific terms for lay person review and Foundation use.

6. **Mentor support letter:** A letter (not to exceed 500 words) of support from the applicant's mentor, who must be at the same institution as the applicant, describing the relationship and how the mentor will support the applicant and facilitate the proposed project. An NIH biosketch for the mentor should also be included, as indicated above.

7. **Budget:** A budget and budget justification in NIH format describing the ways the requested funds would be spent. The proposal can describe up to a two-calendar year program of research and specify costs of up to \$75,000 per year total costs (i.e. direct and indirect costs). Indirect costs are limited to 10%.

If more than one year of support is requested, the budget justification should include a timeline to specify the activities to occur in the first and second years of the project and the criteria for measuring success and continuation at the end of year one.

Formatting: Page margins should all be at least 0.5 inches and font size should be 12 point, Times New Roman.

The Foundation will decide at the end of the first year of the project (after reviewing the project status update) whether to approve a second year of funding based on adequate progress achieved during the first year of funding.

The funding is anticipated to begin September 1, 2019.

Grant Conditions

Grantees will be required to submit an annual scientific report regarding their progress, along with a lay-language update to help inform potential donors about progress that the Foundation is making. The annual report should include a financial report. In addition, the grantee is expected to be available to attend one Foundation event each year, typically in New York City, Boston or Richmond, to help raise funds for ovarian cancer research. The grantee is also expected to attend the annual symposium of funded researchers (typically in May/June in NY). Travel expenses for such events should not be budgeted in the grant application and will be covered by the Foundation separately.

All proposals should be submitted electronically by Monday, April 29, 2019, 11:59pm ET to:

grants@tinaswish.org

Proposals should be submitted as **one pdf** in the following order:

1. Cover Sheet
2. Research grant proposal
3. NIH biosketches
4. Career development statement
5. Project lay summary
6. Mentor support letter
7. Budget and budget justification

In addition:

- The **excel cover sheet** should be submitted as a separate attachment, not part of the pdf file.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to be in touch with Beverly Wolfer, Executive Director, directly at grants@tinaswish.org or 212.880.5757.



About Tina's Wish

The Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research (Tina's Wish) is an ovarian cancer non-profit organization dedicated to funding groundbreaking scientific research for the early detection and prevention of ovarian cancer. At Tina's Wish, we believe that the most effective way to fight ovarian cancer is to diagnose it at its earliest, most curable stage or to prevent it from ever developing.

Tina's Wish was founded in 2008 in memory of the Honorable Tina Brozman, former chief judge of the SDNY Bankruptcy Court, who died two years after she was diagnosed – too late – with ovarian cancer. Tina was not angry that she had the disease, she was angry that she did not know sooner.

Since its inception, the foundation has raised over \$11.5 million for its cause. Annually, Tina's Wish now funds \$1.5 million of scientific research for the early detection and prevention of ovarian cancer at 13 world class institutions.

We are accelerating the pace of progress towards saving women's lives. Together, we can make Tina Brozman's wish – to discover an effective early detection method for ovarian cancer – a reality.

For more information about the grants currently being funded please visit:

<https://tinaswish.org/current-research/>