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Endeavor Award



THE 2023 ENDEAVOR RFP WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING LETTERS OF INTENT IN MAY 2022. SEE BELOW TO REGISTER FOR A WEBINAR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ENDEAVOR PROGRAM.

Program Overview

The Mark Foundation Endeavor Awards support collaborative research projects that bring together investigators with diverse areas of expertise to tackle challenges in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer. These grants are awarded to teams of three or more investigators to generate and integrate data from diverse lines of research and transform those insights into advances for cancer patients that could not be achieved by individual efforts. A description of the teams granted Endeavor Awards in 2022 can be found [here](#).

Eligibility

Institutional Eligibility:

- Open to non-profit academic/research institutions.
- Open to institutions worldwide.
- Teams may comprise investigators from a single institutions or multiple institutions.
- There is no requirement to include a US-based institution as part of the team.
- Institutions may submit more than one application; however, no more than one proposal per institution will be advanced to the finalist phase.

Investigator Eligibility:

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Project Eligibility:

- Basic, translational, and clinical projects are eligible.
- The project must seek to address an overarching, urgent scientific question.
- Sub-projects should be designed to elucidate various aspects of the overarching question, theme, or focus.
- The output of the individual team members (data, samples, hypotheses, compounds, etc.) must be integrated and/or shared in a way that makes the impact of the project as a whole larger than the sum of its parts.
- Proposed projects must not be supported by other sources of funding. Finalists will be asked to discuss any potential overlap with other current or pending awards.

Team Composition:

- Teams must be composed of one PI, and between 2-8 co-PIs (see "Team Roles" section for definitions).
- Inter-institutional collaborations are permitted and encouraged.
- Teams are encouraged to consider diversity in terms of discipline, seniority, gender, race, ethnicity, and any other parameters that will enhance the team's ability to approach challenging problems from fresh perspectives.
- The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or any other legally protected characteristics.

Team Roles

Principal Investigator (PI) – 1 per team

- Serves as the single point of contact with MFCR during the application process.
- The LOA will be executed solely with the PI's institution.
- PI must meet all criteria of a co-PI listed below.
- PI does not need to be the most senior member of the team.

Co-Principal Investigator (co-PI) – 2 to 8 per team

- Lab receives at least 10% of the total grant budget.
- Core member of the team leadership.
- Designated as key personnel in the LOA.
- Must have an independent faculty research appointment (tenure-track or equivalent).

Collaborator – optional

- Lab receives 0-10% of the budget.
- Can provide resources, perform experiments, analyses, etc.
- Serves as a project consultant or advisor rather than a team leader.

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[May 20, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time](#)

Submission Process

Key Dates

- **May 19, 2022:** Grants portal opens for submission of Letters of Intent (LOI)
- **July 13, 2022:** LOI submission deadline
- **September 2022:** Finalist teams notified
- **October – November 2022:** Finalist team interviews
- **December 2022:** Full applications due
- **April 2023:** Notification of awards
- **July 1, 2023:** Award start date

LOI Guidelines

Institutional Eligibility:

LOIs are to be submitted through The Mark Foundation's online grants portal. The portal will open for submissions on May 19th – it is not currently accessible. A link to the portal will be provided on this website in May. The LOI will require the following information:

- **Principal Investigator** name, institution, title, contact info
- **Project Title**
- **Project Summary/Abstract** – [limit 350 words](#)
- **Project Description** – [limit 5 pages](#), including figures and tables but excluding literature references
 - Specific Aims
 - Introduction, background, and description of unmet need
 - Research plan broken into Aims, with each Aim having:
 - Clear objective
 - Preliminary studies if applicable
 - High-level description of the experimental approach
 - Milestones and timelines
 - Future directions – if the research plan is successful, what is the 5-10-year vision for expansion of the project?
 - Literature cited (does not count against page limit)
- **Team Description**

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larger than the sum of its parts.

- How will the team work together? Describe the plan for team structure, communications, and shared resources.
- **Budget overview** – On the template provided.

Award Terms

- Applicants may request funding to support a total budget of up to \$1,000,000 per year for a total of three years.
 - The budget and duration requested for the grant must match a realistic estimate of the cost and timeline for the proposed work.
 - The requested funding should be divided amongst team members in a manner proportional to the actual cost of the work carried out by each investigator for the project.
 - The budget limit includes both direct and indirect costs, with indirect costs not to exceed 10% of the direct costs.
 - The third year of funding will be contingent on sufficient scientific progress as presented at the 18-month project review.
 - The letter of agreement will include IP terms with a revenue sharing component
- Award start date will be July 1, 2023.

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