

UPENN SPORE in Ovarian Cancer



SPORE Developmental Research Program Awards

The **UPENN SPORE in Ovarian Cancer** seeks applications for Developmental Research Program (DRP) awards in ovarian cancer. While these pilot projects do not need to reach a human endpoint during the project period, applications that represent outstanding, innovative research and clearly define the potential for translation will be given priority. The applicants are encouraged to clearly outline how the SPORE support will lead to applications for external funding. Applicants will also be asked to address how the project harmonizes with the overall goal of the SPORE.

Applicants must be a faculty member at the level of Assistant Professor or higher. Women, minorities, and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. DRP awards will be funded for 1 year with the potential for renewal. Award amounts will be up to \$50,000. Funds may be used for salary support, equipment, Cores, and consumable supplies. Applications will be reviewed by a panel composed of external senior faculty members and patient advocate(s). Final funding decisions will be made by the Ovarian Cancer SPORE Steering Committee and the SPORE Director based on scientific merit and programmatic priorities. Final Selection Process for each proposal will be evaluated using the criteria of Significance, Readiness (based on Preliminary Data), Scientific Approach, and Ovarian Cancer Relevance.

Applications must include a Cover Page, Detailed Budget on NIH Form, Specific Aims, Backgrounds, Preliminary Results, and Research Strategies. The additional materials must include Progress Report (for renewal applications only; 1 page Maximum), Current and Pending Funding, and NIH Biosketch form for all key personnel. The total length of Specific Aims, Background, Preliminary Studies, and Research Strategies sections should not exceed three pages, using an Arial Font, size 11, and 0.5 inch margins. A 250-word summary or abstract should be attached to each application as well. Please submit as a Word file to Ehay Jung, euhiye@pennmedicine.upenn.edu no later than 08/01/2025. If selected, awardees will be notified in September.

SPORE Career Enhancement Program Awards

The **UPENN SPORE in Ovarian Cancer** seeks applications for Career Enhancement Program (CEP) awards in ovarian cancer. The research in this category must be translational in nature. Translational research is defined as the use of knowledge of human biology to develop and test the feasibility of cancer-relevant interventions in human and/or determining biological basis for observations made in individuals with cancer or populations at risk for cancer. Applications may include disciplines in basic biology, population studies, outcomes, or clinical investigation with a plan for translation into humans to meet the translational requirement of this award.

Applicants are primarily junior faculty who are committed to developing an independent career in translational research in ovarian cancer. Established investigators seeking to change the focus of their research are also eligible. Eligibility criteria include 1) faculty appointment at the level of Instructor or Assistant Professor; 2) commitment to pursuing translational research in ovarian cancer; either clinically or in the laboratory; and 3) evidence of ongoing interest and productive research in the context of clinical investigation, laboratory science, or both. Women, minorities, and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

CEP awards will be funded for 1 year at approximately \$50,000/year. Funds may be used for project-related activities, including salary support and supplies. Applications will be reviewed by a panel composed of external senior faculty members and patient advocate(s). Final funding decisions will be made by the Ovarian Cancer SPORE Steering Committee and the SPORE Director based on scientific merit and programmatic priorities. Final Selection Process for each proposal will be evaluated using the criteria of Significance, Readiness (based on Preliminary Data), Scientific Approach, and Ovarian Cancer Relevance.

Applications must include a Cover Page, Detailed Budget on NIH Form, Specific Aims, Backgrounds, Preliminary Studies in Ovarian Cancer Model(s) (one page), and Research Strategies. The additional materials must include Progress Report (for renewal applications only) (1 page Maximum), Current and Pending Funding, and NIH Biosketch form for all key personnel. The total length of Specific Aims, Background, Preliminary Studies, and Research Strategies sections should not exceed three pages, using an Arial Font, size 11, and 0.5 inch margins. A 250-word summary or abstract should be attached to each application as well. Please submit as a Word file to Ehay Jung, euhiye@pennmedicine.upenn.edu no later than 08/01/2025. If selected, awardees will be notified in September.