Request for Proposals – Innovative Research in Cancer
TISCH CANCER INSTITUTE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Pilot Project Funding Opportunity:

The Tisch Cancer Institute Scholars (TCI Scholars) Program, a new initiative funded by private philanthropy, requests proposals for pilot projects across all avenues of cancer research (basic, translational, or clinical) and disease areas. Focused on early- and mid-career investigators, TCI Scholars will support new and innovative science with the goal of enabling investigators to accumulate enough early data to position themselves for larger federal grants.

Projects should be designed with a goal of developing fundamental knowledge of disease mechanisms or new therapeutic models, as well as generating the preliminary data needed to secure NIH or other funding. In our inaugural year, we will be offering 3-7 awards of $75,000 each.

Early and mid-career researchers, including assistant and associate professors on all tracks, non-faculty scientists, instructors, and postdocs within the Mount Sinai Health System conducting cancer research are invited to apply. Women and members of groups that are underrepresented in science and medicine are strongly encouraged to apply. Studies across all areas of cancer will be considered, but one 2022 award will be focused on a prostate cancer project.

Funding, up to $75,000 in direct costs, is available for one year. Awardees will be named a "2022 TCI Scholar" in January.

Funding Guidelines:

- Funds are expected to be spent within 1 year.
- Funding may be used for all research expenses, with the exception of PI salary support.
- Funding for successful applications can be initiated as soon as IACUC and IRB approvals are obtained.

Please submit a one-page description of your research proposal by 5 pm on November 30, 2021 to TischCancerInstitute@mssm.edu. Please include an investigator NIH-style biosketch with other funding support as part of a single PDF with the proposal.

Please contact TischCancerInstitute@mssm.edu with any questions.