



Medical Oncology Assoc. of Southern California

2027 Cary Presant, MD YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Program & Application Guide

\$25,000 Research Grant

Clinical & Translational Oncology

Application Deadline

November 6, 2026

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ABOUT THE AWARD

The Medical Oncology Association of Southern California (MOASC) is pleased to offer the **2027 Cary Presant, MD Young Investigator Award**, a \$25,000 research grant supporting promising early-career investigators pursuing new clinical and translational oncology research projects.

The award reflects MOASC's commitment to advancing cancer research while supporting the development of the next generation of oncology investigators.

One investigator will be selected to receive a **\$25,000 award for a one-year grant term from July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028.**

AWARD AT A GLANCE

Award: \$25,000

Number of Awards: One

Term: July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028

Focus: Clinical & Translational Oncology

Application Deadline: November 6, 2026

Award Decision: February 8, 2027

Award Presentation: March 20, 2027



HONORING CARY PRESANT, MD

*The Young Investigator Award is named in honor of **Cary Presant, MD, founder and first president of the Medical Oncology Association of Southern California.***

Dr. Presant's longstanding leadership and commitment to oncology have helped shape MOASC and its mission to advance cancer care through education, collaboration, research, and professional engagement. He continues to serve on the MOASC Board of Directors today.

The Cary Presant, MD Young Investigator Award carries that commitment forward by investing in promising investigators and innovative oncology research.

PROGRAM PURPOSE & ELIGIBILITY

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The Cary Presant, MD Young Investigator Award supports innovative clinical and translational oncology research with the potential to advance scientific knowledge, cancer treatment, and patient care.

Through this award, MOASC seeks to provide promising early-career investigators with resources to move meaningful research forward while encouraging continued development and engagement in oncology investigation.

Proposed research must represent a new project and should be appropriately designed for the one-year grant term and available funding. Projects will be evaluated based on academic merit and feasibility, with consideration given to their potential contribution to oncology research and patient care.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Hold an MD or DO degree with an intent to practice clinical oncology
- ✓ Have initiated or completed an ACGME-accredited fellowship program in hematology and/or oncology
- ✓ Be no more than seven years beyond completion of fellowship training
- ✓ Practice at a Southern California institution for the full duration of the one-year award

RESEARCH FOCUS

The award is intended to support clinical and translational oncology research that advances treatment approaches for patients with cancer.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be required to submit a complete application package for consideration for the 2027 Cary Presant, MD Young Investigator Award.

*All required application materials must be combined and submitted as **one PDF**.*

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

1 | COVER PAGE

Include:

- Project Title
- Term of the Research Project
- Type of Cancer
- Contact Information for Principal Investigator/Mentor

2 | GRANT PROPOSAL — ONE PAGE MAXIMUM

Include:

- Project Title
- Principal Investigator/Mentor
- Specific Aims — **1–3 specific aims**
- Background
- Methods
- Anticipated Results
- Potential Pitfalls/Future Directions

3 | APPLICANT BACKGROUND — ONE PAGE MAXIMUM

Include:

Career Goals

Describe the career you hope to pursue within hematology/oncology.

Statement of Need

Describe how this funding award would help you in the context of existing grants.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS & BUDGET

4 | REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- ☐ Investigator CV
- ☐ Co-Investigator CV
- ☐ Letter of Support from Department Chair
- ☐ Letter of Support from Mentor

5 | BUDGET — ONE PAGE MAXIMUM

Applicants must provide a one-page budget totaling **\$25,000**.

The budget must:

- Clearly outline how award funds will be allocated
- Clearly identify any supplemental funding, any overlap, and how those funds will be used.
- Exclude facilities and administrative/indirect costs

MOASC does not provide funding for facilities and administrative (F&A)/indirect costs.

REVIEW & AWARD

Applications will be assessed based on **academic merit and feasibility**. The funding decision will be made by the MOASC Board of Directors.

RECIPIENT PRESENTATION & AWARD REQUIREMENTS

The selected recipient is expected to attend the **MOASC Annual Oncology Leadership & Research Summit on March 20, 2027**, to accept the Cary Presant, MD Young Investigator Award in person and provide brief remarks as part of the award presentation.

MOASC recognizes that clinical, research, or other unavoidable professional obligations may occasionally prevent attendance. If the selected recipient is unable to attend, they should notify MOASC as soon as possible so alternative arrangements may be discussed.

The successful grant recipient will also be required to provide a progress report to MOASC within six months following the end of the project period.

Key Dates & How to Apply

NOVEMBER 6, 2026

Application Deadline

FEBRUARY 8, 2027

Award Decision

MARCH 20, 2027

*Award Presentation & Recipient
Recognition at the MOASC Annual
Oncology Leadership & Research Summit*

JULY 1, 2027

Grant Term Begins

JUNE 30, 2028

Grant Term Ends

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Cover Page
- ☐ One-Page Grant Proposal
- ☐ 1–3 Specific Aims included
- ☐ One-Page Applicant Background
- ☐ Investigator CV
- ☐ Co-Investigator CV
- ☐ Department Chair Letter of Support
- ☐ Mentor Letter of Support
- ☐ One-Page \$25,000 Budget
- ☐ Supplemental funding and any overlap identified, if applicable
- ☐ All materials combined into **one PDF**

Combine all required materials into one PDF, organized into clearly identified sections for easy review.

READY TO APPLY?

Submit the complete application as one PDF to:

neast@moasc.org

Application Deadline

NOVEMBER 6, 2026

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