

**Defense Health Program
Department of Defense Ovarian Cancer Research Program
Anticipated Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2017**

Due to the current Continuing Resolution, the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Defense Appropriations bill has not been passed. Although funds have not been appropriated for the Department of Defense Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP), the OCRP is providing the information in this pre-announcement to allow investigators time to plan and develop ideas for submission to the anticipated FY17 funding opportunities.

FY17 OCRP Program Announcements and General Application Instructions for the following award mechanisms are anticipated to be posted on Grants.gov in February 2017. Pre-application and application deadlines will be available when the Program Announcements are released. **This pre-announcement should not be construed as an obligation by the Government, and funding of research projects received in response to these Program Announcements is contingent on the availability of Federal funds appropriated for the OCRP.**

As directed by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, the Defense Health Agency (DHA), J9 Research and Development Directorate manages the Defense Health Program (DHP) Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) appropriation. The managing agent for the anticipated Program Announcements/Funding Opportunities is the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP).

The mission of the OCRP is to support patient-centered research to prevent, detect, treat, and cure ovarian cancer. Although not required, investigators are encouraged to address one of the FY17 Areas of Encouragement in their applications.

- Novel therapies and associated predictive biomarkers
- Non-invasive surveillance and assessment of disease
- Treatment resistance
- Immunotherapy
- Etiology, epidemiology, and prevention
- Early detection
- Rare subtypes
- Host-tumor interactions
- Survivorship and quality of life

Clinical Development Award

Must be an independent investigator at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)

- Supports the translation of promising preclinical findings into products for clinical applications, including prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, or quality of life.
- Near-term impact is expected.
- Preclinical studies in animals are not allowed.
- Small-scale clinical trials (Phase 0, Phase 1, Pilot), studies enriching a clinical trial, and projects related to or associated with ongoing or completed clinical trials are allowed.
- Preliminary data are required.

Pre-application is required; application is by invitation only.

Maximum funding of **\$600,000** for direct costs (plus indirect costs)

Maximum period of performance is **3** years

Investigator-Initiated Research Award

Must be an independent investigator at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)

- Supports meritorious basic and clinically oriented research in ovarian cancer.
- Impact is an important review criterion.
- Preliminary data are required.
- Clinical trials are not allowed.

Pre-application is required; application is by invitation only.

Maximum funding of **\$450,000** for direct costs (plus indirect costs)

Maximum period of performance is **3** years

Ovarian Cancer Academy Award – Early-Career Investigator

Must be within 3 years of his/her last postdoctoral research position (Ph.D) or clinical fellowship (M.D.), or equivalent as of the full application submission deadline. A letter attesting to eligibility is required.

- Supports the addition of new Early-Career Investigators to the unique, interactive virtual academy that will provide intensive mentoring, national networking, and a peer group for junior faculty.
- Early-Career Investigators whose ability to commit to conducting ovarian cancer research is limited by lack of resources or other overwhelming obstacles are encouraged to apply.
- A Designated Mentor who is an experienced ovarian cancer researcher with ovarian cancer funding is required.
- The Designated Mentor is not required to be at the same institution as the Early-Career Investigator.
- Preliminary data are required.
- Clinical trials are not allowed.

Pre-application is required; application is by invitation only.

Maximum funding of **\$725,000** for direct costs (plus indirect costs)

Maximum period of performance is **4** years

Pilot Award

Established Investigator: Independent investigator for whom it has been more than 3 years since his/her last postdoctoral research position (Ph.D) or clinical fellowship (M.D.), or equivalent; **or**

Early-Career Investigator:

Investigators must meet one of the following criteria by the application submission date:

- Must be within 3 years of his/her last postdoctoral research position (Ph.D) or clinical fellowship (M.D.).

OR

- In a postdoctoral research position (Ph.D), or clinical fellowship (M.D.), or equivalent.

A letter attesting to eligibility is required.

- Supports innovative, high-risk/high-reward research that could ultimately lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will drive the field of ovarian cancer research forward.
- Innovation and Impact are important review criteria.
- **Early-Career Investigator Option** supports applicants in the early stages of their research careers. Applications from Early-Career Investigators and Established Investigators will be peer reviewed and compete for funding separately.
- Goal is to develop preliminary data; thus, preliminary data are not required, but are allowed.
- Clinical trials are not allowed.

Pre-application is required and **is blinded**; application submission is by invitation only.
Maximum funding of **\$250,000** for direct costs (plus indirect costs)
Maximum period of performance is **2** years

A pre-application is required and must be submitted through the electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP) at <https://eBRAP.org> prior to the pre-application deadline. All applications must conform to the final Program Announcements and General Application Instructions that will be available for electronic downloading from the Grants.gov website. The application package containing the required forms for each award mechanism will also be found on Grants.gov. A listing of all CDMRP funding opportunities can be obtained on the Grants.gov website by performing a basic search using CFDA Number 12.420.

Applications must be submitted through the federal government's single-entry portal, [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Submission deadlines are not available until the Program Announcements are released. For email notification when Program Announcements are released, subscribe to program-specific news and updates under "Email Subscriptions" on the eBRAP homepage at <https://eBRAP.org>. For more information about the OCRP or other CDMRP-administered programs, please visit the [CDMRP website](http://cdmrp.army.mil) (<http://cdmrp.army.mil>).

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