

Cancer Moonshot Scholars



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AT A GLANCE

Eligibility

ESIs with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research. See “Who Are Eligible Participants?” for full details.

Award Details

NCI intends to commit \$9M in FY2025 to fund up to 15 R01 applications.

Award Budget

Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

Award Project Period

The scope of the proposed project should determine the project period. The maximum project period is 5 years.

OVERVIEW

The goal of the Cancer Moonshot Scholars program is to advance cancer science while diversifying the pool of researchers and the approaches to cancer research that NCI funds. To achieve this goal, NCI seeks to increase the number of early stage investigators (ESIs) and enhance the diversity of the cancer research workforce. Investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from underrepresented groups (see NOT-OD-20-031, Notice of NIH’s Interest in Diversity), are encouraged to work with their institutions to apply.

This program is supported by the White House Cancer Moonshot initiative and aligns with NCI’s Equity and Inclusion Program and NIH’s UNITE Initiative.

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS?

Individuals with ESI status at the time of submission and the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s)(PD(s)/PI(s)) are invited to work with their organization to develop an application for support. Multiple Principal Investigator (MPI) applications are permissible; however, the contact PI must be an ESI. Furthermore, contact PIs must submit an Institutional Eligibility Letter describing their contribution to the program goal of increasing diversity within the cancer research enterprise. Lastly, applications must propose research that aligns with NCI’s mission of advancing cancer research.



WHERE DO I LEARN MORE?

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