

POLICIES GOVERNING ICRF CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS (CDAs)

Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) Career Development Awards (CDAs) are designed to enhance the research capabilities of young Israeli scientists in the formative phase of their careers who have demonstrated outstanding potential for contribution to cancer research as independent investigators. CDAs are available to investigators with clear research potential who will benefit by additional mentored experience in a scientific environment that is conducive to the development of an independent research career. A candidate must have an MD, PhD or MD/PhD degree and at least three (3) years of postdoctoral fellowship or equivalent experience, hold an independent junior position at an Israeli institution, and be within five (5) years of initial appointment to that position at the start date of requested funding.

CDAs are intended for highly-qualified, early-career investigators with strong track records and a commitment to an independent career in cancer research. Individuals who have attained senior faculty or equivalent status are considered to have achieved the objective of this program and to be ineligible.

CDA funds cannot be budgeted or used for salary support of the PI, nor do they provide support to the institution or substitute for institutional support of an investigator.

Mentoring

Because the goal of CDA funding is to promote development of early-career investigators, each investigator must establish a formal mentoring program. Each CDA applicant must identify at least two Mentors committed to overseeing the applicant's progress from among senior investigators at the applicant's institution. Letters of support and a detailed Mentorship Plan must accompany the application; and Mentors must provide an annual report on progress in career development.

Duration and Amount of the Grant

The duration of a CDA is three (3) years, at a level of \$45,000 per year, as determined by the Scientific Review Panel and the availability of funds. Funding for the second and third years is contingent upon progress in the preceding funding period, as documented in a progress report due annually on June 30. CDA grants are not renewable.

Terms of the CDA

1. ***Commitment to Research:*** Individuals who receive a CDA are to devote full-time to research and research-related activities. Such activities may include giving or receiving research training, supervising the research of others, participating in workshops and scientific or professional meetings, providing health care to the extent required to maintain clinical skills and expertise necessary for the conduct of research, and performing related academic activities that do not deter the grantee from accomplishing the purpose of the CDA. The principal involvement must be with the actual conduct of research. During the period of the grant, the institution is expected to reduce or defer demands for teaching, service or committee duties that do not contribute directly to the development of the candidate's research career.

2. ***Nomination by the Sponsoring Institution:*** Candidates must be nominated by a public or private nonprofit institution engaged in health-related research and located in Israel. The application must originate jointly with the institution and the proposed nominee and must describe fully all proposed research and teaching activities.
3. ***Relationship of the Grantee to the Sponsoring Institution:*** Although an individual is considered as the grantee, grants are made to eligible institutions on behalf of the grantee. The grantee is an employee of the institution to which the grant is made and his or her status, title, salary, and staff privileges are determined by the institution according to its established policies for individuals holding 12-month appointments, except as otherwise set out in this statement.
4. ***Concurrent Applications Not Permitted:*** A CDA application may not be submitted concurrently with another research career development-type application that would duplicate the provisions of the CDA, nor may a grantee accept another career development award that would duplicate the provisions of the ICRF grant. Potentially duplicative grants include clinical investigator awards, academic and teacher investigator awards, and postdoctoral and senior fellowships.

Allowable Grant Costs

ICRF funds can only be used for expenses directly related to the project. They may be applied to salaries of graduate students, postdocs, and other research staff; supplies and consumables; analytic services; equipment service and maintenance; etc. Up to \$1,000 per year may be used for travel to a scientific meeting.

ICRF funds cannot be used for the salary of the PI or Co-Investigators, for clerical or other administrative expenses, or for overhead charges. These expenses may not be listed in the budget of a proposal when submitted, and institutions may not charge such expenses to the ICRF account after monies have been received.

The salary of the investigator is to be paid in full by the institution. Salary must be based on a full-time, 12-month staff appointment and it must be consistent with both the established salary structure at the institution and with salaries actually provided by the institution from its own funds to other staff members of equivalent qualifications, rank and responsibilities in the department concerned.

Application Templates

Templates for applying for an ICRF research grant can be downloaded from:

<https://proposalcentral.com/default.asp>.

Further Information

Up-to-date information on categories of grants currently available and on **General Policies Governing ICRF Grants**, including fiscal requirements for sponsoring institutions, is available on our website:

<https://www.icrfonline.org/grants/>.

Questions? For any questions or problems, please send an e-mail to: grants@icrfonline.org.