



**2017 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award
LOI Due Wednesday Feb. 21, 2018**

The aim of the 2018 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award is to support exceptionally novel and creative projects with great potential to produce breakthroughs in our understanding or the management of bladder cancer. The proposed research may be basic, translational, clinical but must have direct applicability and relevance to bladder cancer and address one of the questions of interest (see below). Proposals for innovative projects that will develop preliminary data necessary to prepare and submit a competitive research grant application to a major funding agency are encouraged. The award is available to full time, independent investigators who are affiliated with a non-profit academic, medical or research institution within the United States or Canada. Candidates not currently performing bladder cancer research are encouraged to apply. Proposals that involve a multidisciplinary approach and/or multi-institutional collaboration are encouraged.

Interested applicants must submit a Letter of Intent by Wednesday, February 21, 2018. The Letters of Intent will be reviewed by members of the Innovation Award Scientific Review Group and those applicants whose Letters of Intent are deemed most meritorious will be invited to submit full research proposals and compete for the Award. Applicants will be notified of the decision status of the Letter of Intent by Wednesday, April 4, 2018, and the deadline for complete applications will be Wednesday, May 16, 2018. The award decision will be announced in July 2018.

Letter of Intent (limit 2 pages):

Must be in English. Please follow NIH guidelines:

Paper Size: 8.5" x 11"

Margins: at least 1/2" all sides.

Font: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino, Times New Roman or Georgia at least 11pt (or larger).

Must describe the proposed bladder cancer research project, including:

- A) Specific Aims
- B) Rationale
- C) Methodology and Approach
- D) Statement of Innovation (describing how the proposed study employs a new idea or innovative approach to bladder cancer research)
- E) Statement of Significance and Relevance to Bladder Cancer