



2020 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award LOI
Due Wednesday January 15, 2020

The aim of the 2020 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. Projects that are high-risk and high-reward, as opposed to incremental in nature, are required. Essential elements of this award mechanism include the following: does the project address (i) an important problem and/or critical barrier to progress in the field of bladder cancer research? (ii) an area in which there is a significant gap in current knowledge?

Proposals will be accepted for creative ideas and innovative approaches that have direct application and relevance to bladder cancer. New ideas and innovative approaches may include, but are not limited to, those that utilize novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions. 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, January 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM EST. 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, March 4, 2020, and the deadline for complete applications will be Wednesday, April 15, 2020. The award decision will be announced in June 2020.

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