



**ALLIANCE FOR CANCER GENE THERAPY, INC. ("ACGT")  
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

**2018 Investigator Award in Cell and Gene Therapy for Cancer  
RESEARCH GRANT**

**Abstract Deadline: March 13, 2018 at 11 am (EST)**  
**Invitation to Submit Application: April 4, 2018**  
**Deadline for Completed Application: May 15, 2018 at 11 am (EST)**

January 23, 2018

**PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

**PURPOSE**

Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy, Inc. (ACGT) funds research aimed at furthering the development of cell and gene therapy approaches to the treatment of cancer.

**RESEARCH OBJECTIVES**

This award is for those conducting cell and gene therapy research in the following areas:

- Technology for systemic delivery and treatment of metastatic disease that could involve novel tumor-targeted delivery vehicles (e.g. tumor-homing cells, nanoparticles and new recombinant viruses).
- Altering the tumor cell microenvironment to support the induction of anti-tumor immunity
- Identification of novel tumor targets
- Novel approaches to either protective adoptively transferred cells from metabolic changes or alter the metabolism of transferred cells.

Preference will be given to those working in solid tumors, orphan tumors or pediatric tumors, and to research not previously funded, thus highly innovative proposals.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates for the **2018 Investigator Award in Cell and Gene Therapy for Cancer** must hold an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree and must be tenure-track or tenured faculty<sup>1</sup>. The investigator must be conducting original research as an independent faculty member. ACGT has no citizenship restrictions, and research supported by the award must be conducted at academic medical centers or research centers located in the United States or Canada.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The award provides up to a maximum of \$500,000 distributed over 2-3 years, inclusive of a maximum of 10% indirect costs. The funds may be used at the recipient's discretion for salary, technical assistance, supplies, animals or capital equipment, but may not support staff not directly related to the project, e.g. secretaries or administrative assistants. Purchase of equipment is not allowed in the final year of the grant. Continued support is contingent upon submission and approval of a non-competitive renewal application each year.

<sup>1</sup>ACGT recognizes there may be other excellent researchers not on a tenure-track, or not at medical schools or research centers, **but this is an eligibility requirement for application.**

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

There is a two-step process for submitting applications electronically via proposalCENTRAL, an outside service provider hosted by Altum. Access is available using links provided in the ACGT website, [www.acgtfoundation.org](http://www.acgtfoundation.org) or directly through the proposalCENTRAL website at: <https://proposalcentral.altum.com/Login.asp>.

A candidate must submit the following by the required deadlines:

- Step 1: A pre-application (called Letter of Intent [LOI] on proposalCENTRAL site) that includes an abstract of the proposed research and an updated biographical sketch. The LOI/abstracts will then be reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Council and those selected will be invited to submit full applications
- Step II: For those invited to submit, a completed electronic application, including templates and a Signed Administrative and Signature Page(s) scanned and attached to the front of the completed application template

**NOTE: A paper copy submission is NOT required.**

## INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for completing the application are available at ACGT's website under Research Grants and also through the proposalCENTRAL website.

## CUSTOMER SUPPORT

If you have any questions regarding the online application, please contact proposalCENTRAL Customer Support by e-mail at [pcsupport@altum.com](mailto:pcsupport@altum.com)  
Telephone: 1-800-875-2562 x 227 (toll-free) or (301) 916-4557 x 227.

## REVIEW PROCESS

Each applicant's abstract of the proposed project is reviewed by members of ACGT's Scientific Advisory Council. All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of scientific and technical merit and a corresponding fit with the research objectives of the grant. Based on the review of the LOIs certain applicants will be invited to submit a full application for consideration. These applications are then peer reviewed by two experts in the field, with the highest scores determining the pool of finalists from which the Scientific Advisory Council makes its final recommendations to ACGT's Board of Directors. The announcement of the recipient is scheduled for July 2018.

## **INSTITUTIONAL POLICY**

Grant funds will be disbursed following execution of a grant agreement between the grantee institution and ACGT. The following items will be covered in ACGT grant agreements with grantee institutions:

- Overhead of up to 10% is included in the awarded amount. The 2018 INVESTIGATOR AWARD IN CELL AND GENE THERAPY FOR CANCER Award will support research projects with two to three year time frames for completion, with annual non-competitive renewal applications.
- Grantees and their affiliated institutions are required to submit periodic progress reports to ACGT. In addition, they are expected to share their research findings with the scientific community in a timely fashion through presentation at professional meetings and publication in scientific journals.
- ACGT will request acknowledgment of the grant in any presentations and/or publications by the investigators and/or institutions.
- ACGT shall receive a reasonable royalty return, including license fees on inventions and improvements made by investigators on research supported by its grants.
- The grantee institution will agree (i) to indemnify ACGT solely with respect to claims relating to the award of a grant and (ii) that all research supported by ACGT will be conducted in accordance with all applicable state and Federal laws, rules and regulations.
- Awards to an institution will terminate when the principal investigator departs from the grantee institution, and can be re-initiated at an alternate institution subject to ACGT approval.

## **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GRANTEE INSTITUTION**

An application for a grant must bear the signature of the official authorized to sign for the institution, **acknowledging the above policies.**

## **PROGRAM INQUIRIES**

For application information, policy and procedures, and general information, please visit ACGT's Website at [www.acgtfoundation.org](http://www.acgtfoundation.org).