



HERA Women's Cancer Foundation Ovarian Cancer Outside-the-Box (OSB) Seed Grant for 2013

Mission: The HERA Women's Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to stop the loss of women from ovarian cancer by promoting **Health, Empowerment, Research, and Awareness**. For more information, visit: www.herafoundation.org. The purpose of the OSB grant is to improve prevention and prognosis through innovative scientific research and to foster a strong long-term commitment to research in the field of ovarian cancer. For FY 2013, the HERA Women's Cancer Foundation will provide a total of two grants (\$30,000 total) to fund research projects that are basic, translational, and/or clinical in nature.

One grant of \$20,000 and one of \$10,000 are available. Ideally projects will be basic and clinical research, respectively, although they will be selected based on merit. The projects should include, but are not limited to, those that study ovarian carcinoma etiology, pathogenesis, and **novel approaches** to early detection and targeted therapy.

HERA's goal is to encourage "outside the box" thinking and solutions by providing seed money for such projects. Chemotherapy has been in use for many years, but, to date, we have not improved overall survival by 1%. New approaches are needed for understanding and treating this disease which is of primary interest to the HERA Women's Cancer Foundation.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2013.

SUBMIT APPLICATION IN A SINGLE .PDF DOCUMENT TO: Meg Steitz at meg@herafoundation.org. No paper submissions will be accepted.

AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED by April 1, 2013.

QUESTIONS ABOUT RESEARCH PROJECTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: Richard Roden at roden@jhmi.edu.

Eligibility: Applicants must hold either a Ph.D. and/or an M.D. degree, and be either a **post-doctoral research fellow or clinical fellow**. A previous research background in ovarian cancer is not essential, as the HERA Women's Cancer Foundation seeks to encourage new young investigators to enter the field. However, candidates should demonstrate the relevance of their previous research background to the proposed work, and indicate a strong long-term commitment to research in the field of ovarian cancer.

Evaluation criteria: Key criteria are the importance of the problem to be addressed, the originality of the approach and concepts, feasibility of the methodology, and the research experience and qualifications/potential of the candidate. The review is performed by reviewers both internal and external to JHU, as well as patient advocates.

Format of application: The following items 1-5 should not exceed 3 pages of single-spaced 12-point type.

Title page: Include your name and department, your e-mail address, your advisor/mentor's name, title of project, and a checklist of all the items (1-8) below (**incomplete grant applications will not be reviewed**).

- (1) a 500 word layman's summary of the proposed research;
- (2) a statement of specific research objectives—explain what you expect to accomplish within the year, particularly if more than a year's goals are discussed. Are the proposed experiments overlapping with other applications? Explain.
- (3) a concise description of the methodology to be employed;
- (4) a description of the significance of the proposed work, i.e. how the research contributes to prevention and detection of ovarian cancer and improvement of prognosis;
- (5) a statement demonstrating the relevance of the candidate's previous research background to the proposed work;
- (6) a brief summary of the budget, i.e. specifically how the funds will be utilized. The HERA Foundation does not support indirect costs or costs for meetings or travel.
- (7) The candidate's biosketch with a personal statement in standard NIH format (not exceeding 2-pages) should be attached.
- (8) A letter of support from your mentor and a commitment from the lab to support the project being funded.

Recipients of the OSB Grants for 2013 will be asked to submit a summary of their project, along with a JPG photo of themselves, which can be posted on the HERA Women's Cancer Foundation website. The summary should be clear to patients, donors, and scientists.

Post-award requirements: Award recipients must attend the HERA Women's Cancer Foundation's fundraising event in Washington DC scheduled in July 2013. In addition, a one-page final report must be submitted to HERA within one month after the expiration of the award period, **May 1, 2014**. The report should:

- (1) clearly state the findings of the work performed;
- (2) specify how the findings met the objectives established in the application;
- (3) describe the impact that the research has on our current understanding of ovarian cancer;
- (4) describe future research goals;
- (5) mention any publications and conference presentations of the work performed;
- (6) include a personal statement of how the work funded by the HERA Women's Cancer Foundation has enabled the professional growth of the recipient;
- (7) provide a .PDF file of all manuscripts developed using HERA funding including an acknowledgement of HERA;
- (8) The HERA Women's Cancer Foundation must receive acknowledgement on any published material—papers, posters, Power Point Presentations at scientific meetings, etc. We ask that the HERA OSB Grant from the HERA Women's Cancer Foundation be included on the successful applicant's CV under Awards. Publications with acknowledgements to HERA will be posted on the website. Please forward a PDF file of the publication(s) with the HERA acknowledgement, regardless of the time after the award. To read about past recipients and their work, visit: www.herafoundation.org/programs-research/science-grants/past-investigators/.

For more information on the post-award requirements, please e-mail: info@herafoundation.org.