



**ALLIANCE FOR CANCER GENE THERAPY, INC. ("ACGT")
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
2009 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD
RESEARCH GRANT**

**Abstract Deadline: January 4, 2010 at 4pm E.S.T.
Invitation to Submit Application: week of January 20, 2010
Deadline for Completed Application: MARCH 2, 2010 at 4 pm E.S.T.**

December 2, 2009

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. To this end, ACGT offers its **Young Investigator Award** to qualified scientists at the Tenure Track Assistant Professor level and above.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for a **Young Investigator Award** must hold an MD, MPH, PhD, or equivalent degree, and be a TENURE TRACK Assistant Professor within FIVE YEARS of their initial appointment to this rank at the time of award activation. The investigator must be conducting ORIGINAL research as an INDEPENDENT faculty member with DEDICATED laboratory space from the department chair. ACGT has no citizenship restrictions, and research supported by the award must be conducted at medical schools and research centers located in the United States or Canada.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The award for **The Young Investigator Award** provides up to a maximum of \$250,000 distributed up to 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.

ACGT RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The overall objectives of this grant are to advance cell and gene therapy into the causes, treatment and prevention of all types of cancer by promoting development of novel and innovative studies by young investigators. The emphasis of this initiative is to promote basic, and pre-clinical research approaches utilizing cells and genes as medicine. ACGT will direct its grants into areas of cell and gene therapy research that have demonstrated great promise. The six main areas of research ACGT will support are:

1. Tumor-Specific Replicating Viruses and Bacteria
2. Anti-angiogenesis
3. Immune-modulatory Therapy and Cancer Vaccines
4. Oncogene/Suppressor Oncogene/Apoptosis Directed Therapy
5. Tumor Targeting and Vector Development
6. Cancer Stem Cell Directed Therapy
7. Other Gene/Cell Mediated Therapies

Application Procedures

There is a two-step process for submitting applications. A candidate must submit the following by the required deadlines:

- Step 1: A pre-application (called Letter of Intent [LOI] on Proposal Central site) that includes an abstract of the proposed research and an updated biographical sketch. The LOI/abstracts will then be reviewed by the Scientific Council and selected ones 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.

We offer our Web-based application with the hope it will make ACGT's grant application process as easy and convenient as possible. The electronic application is the only means by which one may apply for a grant.

Quick Steps to get Started:

Access the proposalCENTRAL website at: <https://proposalcentral.altum.com/Login.asp>

Customer Support for Applicants

If you have any questions regarding the online application, please contact proposalCENTRAL Customer Support by e-mail at pcsupport@altum.com

Telephone: 1-800-875-2562 (toll-free)

REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING

Applications will be reviewed by an appropriate peer group and by ACGT's Scientific Council. Selected grants will be funded 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:

- All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of scientific and technical merit and a corresponding fit with the objectives of the grant.
- Overhead of up to 10% is included in the awarded amount.
- **The Young Investigator Award** is for up to three years, 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 direct 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, procedures, general information, please visit ACGT's Website at www.acgtfoundation.org.

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