



Funding Research and Awareness for Ovarian Cancer



## **2012 Kaleidoscope of Hope Research Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) General Research Grants and Young Investigator Grants**

### **Intent**

The Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation (KOH) provides funding opportunities for established and young investigators to initiate new studies or continue current projects related to various aspects of Ovarian Cancer research. Since inception, KOH has awarded nearly \$2 million in research grants.

### **Areas of Need**

All research proposals will be considered. Special consideration will be given to proposals dealing with:

-  Early Detection of Ovarian Cancer
-  Treatment of Ovarian Cancer

### **Types of Research Grants Offered:**

KOH supports two types of grants – general grants for established researchers and young investigator grants.

#### *General Grants:*

Research proposals may be individual projects or part of a larger project related to ovarian cancer. Clinical trials should be original investigational studies related to ovarian cancer in which the grantee is the PI or Co-PI. KOH will support research grants of up to \$80,000.

#### *Young Investigator (YI) Grant*

Young Investigator Grants support career development for qualified individuals who wish to establish a career in the area of Ovarian Cancer Research. Eligibility requirements for young investigators are listed below. The KOH offers YI grants of up to \$80,000.

## Eligibility

### *General Grants:*

Investigators who have received KOH funding in the past may apply during this grant cycle. A continuation of grant funding is not guaranteed.

For applications related to a clinical trial all necessary internal institutional approvals for human trials must be in place prior to the awarding of any funding.

### *Young Investigator (YI) Grant*

In addition to those requirements listed for the General Grants the Young Investigators must also meet the following requirements:

- Must have the support of a qualified mentor. A qualified mentor must be an established researcher in the area of Ovarian Cancer and must be willing to provide support for the career development of the YI during the funding period.
- Must meet the following criteria:
  - 1) A post-doc fellow or assistant professor within 5 years (excluding clinical training) of completing his/her terminal degree.
  - 2) An assistant professor (or equivalent) within 3 years of initiating independent research.

### **Application Process:**

All proposals must be submitted electronically in pdf format via e-mail and on a CD via regular mail.

E-mail should be sent to : [info@kohnj.org](mailto:info@kohnj.org)

The CD should be mailed [via the US Postal Service](#) to:

Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation, PO Box 1124, Madison, NJ 07940.

Please **do not** send the CD via Fed Ex or UPS.

Proposals must include the following elements:

- Technical and Lay abstracts that include the rationale for the study, its aims and a brief overview of research design and methods. (Limit one page each)
- A Proposal Narrative (not to exceed 5 pages) including:
  - A clear statement of the hypothesis
  - Specific aims of the study
  - Background and significance
  - Preliminary data
  - Experimental design and analysis plans
  - Significance
- An itemized budget and budget justification that details direct costs. Use of KOH funds for indirect costs, PI salary or travel is not allowed.
- Biosketch of key personnel in NIH format (4 page limit)
- A Letter of recommendation from the relevant person overseeing the department or lab at the institution where the research will be conducted.
- Literature cited
- Project timeline
- YI grants: Mentor letter in support of researcher and project.

Full proposals are due by **January 13, 2012**. Applicants will be notified by KOH by **March 18, 2012**

*Incomplete proposals, those that do not comply with these guidelines and those not submitted by the deadline will not be considered for funding.*

**Selection Process:**

KOH utilizes an external peer-review process for all research proposals.

The reviewers will evaluate each proposal according to the following criteria:

1. **Relevance**- The extent to which the proposal, if successful, will make a significant contribution to ovarian cancer research.
2. **Approach** – The extent to which the framework, design, method and analysis of the proposal meets the goals of the project.
3. **Feasibility** – The extent to which the work can be accomplished by the investigator (given the experience, expertise, and commitment of the investigator) as well as the background data and budget.

The KOH Board of Directors will discuss the recommendations of the independent reviewers and vote on each proposal. The Board reserves the right to grant smaller awards than requested.

**Awardees requirements:**

Grant recipients are required to attend Kaleidoscope of Hope's 2012 Spring Award Presentation Ceremony. Additionally, all awardees are required to:

- Submit a half-year progress report (three page maximum narrative/ data) and a one-page budget report to KOH by **November 18, 2012**.
- Submit a final report (three page narrative and final budget report), to KOH by **May 31, 2013**
- Acknowledge the support of the Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation in all publications/ presentations related to the research supported by KOH.

**Award schedule:**

KOH agrees to award 50% of the total award at the Awards Ceremony and the remaining award monies on **October 3, 2012**

For questions regarding the proposal process please contact KOH at

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Email: [info@kohnj.org](mailto:info@kohnj.org)

Standard mail:

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