

Avon Breast Cancer Crusade Research Program 2016 Request for Proposals



SUMMARY:

The Avon Breast Cancer Crusade (“Avon BCC”) continues its search for new preventive strategies to address the growing number of breast cancer cases around the globe and develop new treatments for those living with metastatic breast cancer today. The 2016 Avon Breast Cancer Crusade Research Program seeks proposals in these areas to advance understanding of causes of breast cancer, prevention and developing treatments for metastatic breast cancer. For 2016, there is one application cycle and there is a 2-stage process:

- (i) Stage 1: Letter-of-intent (LOI) – Open to all research organizations: universities, nonprofit organizations, or in rare instances, for-profit organizations.
- (ii) Stage 2: Full proposal – By invitation only based on the review of your LOI submission.

KEY DATES:

All Letters-of-Intent (LOI) for All Geographic Regions are due: January 7, 2016*

- Letters of Intent and Full Applications must be submitted to the online grant submission system by 11:59pm Eastern on the dates listed below.
- All Letters of intent for all geographic regions are due January 7, 2016. No exceptions will be made to this date. If an applicant misses the due date, they will have to wait until 2017 to submit an application for funding. The schedule for being invited to submit a full application, submitting that application and receiving a determination on that application is determined by your institution’s geographic location. Geographic Region is defined as the area within 100 miles of the city listed:

Chicago, IL; Houston TX; Washington, DC

Letter-of-Intent Due Date:	January 7, 2016*
Invitations to Submit Full Proposal:	January 15, 2016**
Invited Full Proposal Due Date:	February 12, 2016
Funding Decisions Disseminated by:	December 31, 2016

Boston, MA; San Francisco, CA

Letter-of-Intent Due Date:	January 7, 2016*
Invitations to Submit Full Proposal:	February 29, 2016**
Invited Full Proposal Due Date:	March 28, 2016*
Funding Decisions Disseminated by:	December 31, 2016

Los Angeles-Santa Barbara, CA

Letter-of-Intent Due Date:	January 7, 2016*
Invitations to Submit Full Proposal:	May 16, 2016**
Invited Full Proposal Due Date:	June 13, 2016*
Funding Decisions Disseminated by:	December 31, 2016

New York, NY

Letter-of-Intent Due Date:	January 7, 2016*
Invitations to Submit Full Proposal:	June 13, 2016**
Invited Full Proposal Due Date:	July 11, 2016*
Funding Decisions Disseminated by:	December 31, 2016

National Pool – (National Pool is defined as all other cities/ regions in U.S. other than those specifically listed in this document)

Letter-of-Intent Due Date:	January 7, 2016*
Invitations to Submit Full Proposal:	June 13, 2016**
Invited Full Proposal Due Date:	July 11, 2016*
Funding Decisions Disseminated by:	December 31, 2016

**Applications are due by 11:59pm Eastern on the dates indicated*

***Only a small subset of LOI submissions will be invited to submit a full proposal.*

PRIORITY AREAS:

Research questions we hope to answer to further the development of breast cancer prevention strategies include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Understanding the potential causes of breast cancer and research to develop new preventative strategies
- Understanding metastases and developing new treatments for metastatic breast cancer

Research project proposals submitted to Avon BCC must utilize human studies, and researchers are highly encouraged to access the *Army of Women* to obtain volunteers. You should include costs for the *Army of Women* in your proposal and we encourage you to notify the AOW staff of your proposal and to obtain budget information (email research@armyofwomen.org). For details about the *Army of Women* please visit www.armyofwomen.org and review the “For Researchers” section. If a study is not utilizing the *Army of Women*, then the proposal must include a description of the samples that will be used in the study.

AVON ANIMAL RESEARCH POLICY:

Avon BCC limits its research funding to clinical studies, human cell culture and epidemiologic studies. Avon BCC funding may not be used to fund studies involving animals. Our guidelines apply only to studies funded by Avon BCC and do not impact other research underway at these same institutions.

PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY:

Avon BCC funds biomedical research in order to better understand the causes of breast cancer and to advance its prevention, treatment, and cure. The main output of this research is new knowledge. To ensure this knowledge can be accessed, read, applied, translated and built upon in fulfillment of our goals, Avon BCC expects its researchers to publish their findings in peer-reviewed journals.

In addition, similar the current NIH Policy, it is a condition of Avon BCC funding that all peer-reviewed articles supported in whole, or in part, by its grants must be made available in the PubMed Central online archive.

Authors are to deposit an electronic copy of their final peer-reviewed manuscripts in PubMed Central. **The manuscript is to be made publicly available in PubMed Central no later than 12 months after the official date of journal publication.** This requirement applies to all Avon grants awarded after January 1, 2012.

PubMed Central is a database of full-text biomedical journal articles available online without a fee. It is hosted by the National Library of Medicine in the National Institutes of Health. Once posted in PubMed Central, results of research become more accessible, prominent, and integrated, making it easier for scientists worldwide to pursue breast cancer research. Equally important, families, clinicians, patients, educators, funders, and students reap the benefits of information arising from funding by accessing publications on PubMed Central at no charge. An author must acknowledge Avon Breast Cancer Crusade support in every article arising from such funding. The acknowledgement statement must include the applicable Avon BCC grant number. This will enable Avon BCC to link the published outputs of research to the support it has provided.

PROCESS:

Applications for the 2016 Avon Breast Cancer Crusade Research Program are solicited from investigators at academic, not-for-profit and government institutions in the United States. Applications will also be accepted from for-profit diagnostic, device and biotechnology companies if clearly developing new tests or assays relevant to breast cancer detection or risk assessment. Applications should identify the source of human tissue under study, the proposed assays to be used, and provide any relevant background data, relevant letters of collaboration and ethics approvals from Institutional Review Board. The Avon BCC Scientific Advisory Board, and ad hoc scientific members as needed, will review the letters of intent and invited full applications. The SAB provides a preliminary scientific review of applications and makes recommendations to the Avon BCC Board of Managers. The Avon BCC Board of Managers will consider the review committee recommendations and make final funding decisions.

A tutorial on how to navigate the online system can be found [here](http://www.avonfoundation.org/assets/application-tutorial.pdf).
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[Click here to start a NEW Research Letter of Intent online form.](https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_1102?SA=SNA&FID=35012)
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Clicking the link above will bring you to the Research Program Letter of Intent log-in page and start a **NEW** application. Here you will need to log-in by either using existing credentials or creating a new account. If you will be creating a new account, it is imperative that you use a functional and monitored email address as the user-id, as it is the email address the system will use to communicate with you about the application.

If you have previously started and saved a Letter of Intent or Application and wish to log back into it, [click here to access your Grants Management Account](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1102/Default.asp). (https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1102/Default.asp)

For those applicants invited to submit full applications:

If you are invited to submit a full proposal, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to do so after your LOI has been reviewed and approved. The Full Proposal is also submitted through the online system. For your convenience, data from your LOI will be pre-populated in the full proposal. However, you should update fields as appropriate. In addition, several attachments are required. Templates for the required attachments can be found on the [Research Program page](http://www.avonfoundation.org/grants/breast-cancer/research-grant-guidelines/). (<http://www.avonfoundation.org/grants/breast-cancer/research-grant-guidelines/>)

Please review the entire application packet before you begin to work on your application. If you need further assistance, please email questions to grants@avonbcc.org.

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

Proposals may request up to \$150,000 total costs per year (this limit is inclusive of 10% indirect costs), for up to 2 years in duration. Thus, the total award budget can be up to \$300,000 to cover up to 2 years duration. A detailed budget and budget justification are required in the online application.