



2024 Request for Applications

POWER Foundation Pilot Grant Award

*LOI Due: **June 15, 2024***

*Application Due: **September 15, 2024***



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Summary

The mission of the Powell-Drescher Ovarian Cancer Research (POWER) Foundation is to power the future of ovarian cancer research by endowing funds and championing collaboration between scientist and survivor.

POWER Pilot Grant Award Program

The POWER Foundation is pleased to announce its first Pilot Grant Award to encourage preliminary research projects in all areas of ovarian cancer research including, but not limited to, cancer biology, genetics, early detection and prevention, treatment, cancer care delivery, and public health sciences. New concepts, novel approaches, and/or projects that extend previous discoveries and have potential to develop into larger projects are encouraged. To be considered responsive, the research team must include an ovarian cancer advocate, as defined below. Project costs are not to exceed \$75,000 direct costs budgeted over no more than two years duration. Institutional overhead and indirect cost rates are limited to 10%.

Key Dates:

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Letter of Intent Due	June 15, 2024
Invitation to Submit Full Proposal	July 2024
Full Proposals Due	September 15, 2024
Award Notification	November 2024
Projected Start Date	January 2025



Eligibility:

Investigators who have completed graduate training including individuals with MD, PhD, ScD, MSW, and MSN degrees are eligible to apply.

Applicants should have a minimum of 50% protected research time.

Principal Investigators must hold the equivalent of an Assistant Professor position or higher and be affiliated with an institution capable of administering the award funds.

Eligible Institutions include:

- Public or private institutions including universities, colleges, or hospitals.
- Non-profit organizations.

Investigators associated with organizations that meet FDA criteria for a Significantly Regulated Organization (SRO) including foundations and non-profits associated with an SRO are not eligible to apply.

Although international participation is anticipated in the future, this first-ever POWER Foundation award is restricted to eligible institutions within the US.

The research team must include an ovarian cancer advocate defined as an ovarian cancer patient, survivor, family member, caregiver, previvor, or other person touched by ovarian cancer. Applications must specifically address how a) the research will impact ovarian cancer patients/survivors and b) an advocate will be involved in the project. This includes specifying the approximate number of hours per month the advocate(s) are involved in the research project. Advocate involvement does not have to be at every step of the project, but it is encouraged, and advocate involvement in the research must be a component of the application. Allocation of research funds for research effort contributed by the advocate is at the discretion of the PI and the advocate. For examples of how advocates might play a role in a scientific research proposal please see <https://powelldrescher.org/powering-research>.

Scientists AND advocates on the research team are required to submit progress reports approximately halfway through and at the end of the funding period. Advocates will specifically be asked to discuss their role in the research process as part of the progress report. Award recipients will receive 50% of their funds at the start of the award with the remaining funds to be distributed upon satisfactory achievement of midpoint milestones, including demonstration of ongoing advocate involvement.



Selection Criteria:

Priority will be given to applications that are:

- Innovative
- Multidisciplinary
- Likely to lead to additional grant submissions and independent funding
- Extent of advocate engagement from inception to completion (e.g. participation in study design, execution of the research project, analysis, and/or presentation of the research findings)

Application Process

Letter of Intent (LOI) Instructions

Letters of Intent must be submitted through the [Proposal Central](#) platform. Once you create or log into your account, click on the “Grant Opportunities” tab and search for the Powell-Drescher Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation. Click on the “Apply Now” button to begin.

A 1-page LOI consisting of a Scientific Abstract, Specific Aims, and brief description (<500 words) of the research plan is required.

Additional required materials include a) a separate cover page that includes the project Title and contact information for PI and Key Personnel and b) NIH-style biosketches for the PI and Key Personnel. LOIs will be reviewed to select teams for submission of a full proposal.

Applicants can submit more than one LOI provided the proposed projects are distinct and without overlap.

Scientific Proposal

Full proposals are limited to three pages in length and should address each of the following areas: Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Results (if available), and Research Design and Methods.

Formatting should include 0.5 in margins in all directions and Arial 11 font. All tables, figures, and images must fit legibly within the three-page limit. References should be included and are not counted as part of the three-page limit.

Please combine all materials in a single PDF for submission.

Additional materials (e.g. published papers, submitted manuscripts, letters of support, summary of facilities and resources, etc.) will not be considered.



Submission Information

Letter of Intent (LOI)

Letters of Intent must be submitted through the [Proposal Central](#) platform. Once you create or log into your account, click on the “Grant Opportunities” tab and search for the Powell-Drescher Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation. Click the “Apply Now” button to begin.

The LOI content will be entered directly into Proposal Central. You will be asked for the following information:

1. Title Page
2. Enable Other Users to Access This Proposal – Optional. *Enter an email address for an individual if you would like to grant them access to your LOI.*
3. Applicant/PI Information
4. Institution/Organization Information
5. Key Personnel
6. Abstract
 - a. Scientific Abstract (200 words max)
 - b. Specific Aims (200 words max)
 - c. Research Plan (500 words max)

The LOI Submission Deadline is Saturday, June 15, 2024.

Scientific Proposal

Full proposals are by invitation only. Applicants who are invited to apply will be notified in mid-July 2024. Full proposals are due by Sunday, September 15, 2024. To access the full proposal application, log in to [Proposal Central](#), click on your proposals tab to find the full application, and click Edit to begin.

The full proposal content will be entered directly into Proposal Central. You will be asked for the following information:

- Background and Significance
- Preliminary Results (if available)
- Research Design
- Methods
- Budget and Organizational Assurances

The Full Proposal Submission Deadline is Sunday, September 15, 2024.



Contact

For technical questions regarding the online submission process: contact ProposalCentral Customer Service at 800-875-2562 or via email at pcsupport@altum.com during business hours, Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–5:00 pm (Eastern Time). There is no technical support available on weekends or holidays.

For any other questions: email us at POWER@powelldrescher.org