



## **Ovarian Cancer Education & Research Network, Inc. 2014 Research Grant Request for Proposals (RFP)**

The Ovarian Cancer Education & Research Network, Inc., provides funding opportunities for established and junior investigators to initiate new studies or further existing research related to ovarian cancer. Research proposals may be individual projects or part of a larger research project. Awards will be granted only to projects conducted in the state of California by California-based researchers. Project funding is available for one year of activity.

### **Research proposals should be applicable to one or more of the following areas:**

- Proposals which may lead to early detection, better treatment or a cure for ovarian cancer;
- Projects that may benefit women living with ovarian cancer today;
- Projects that will result in the development of preliminary data on ovarian cancer research which will enable the researcher to compete for larger federal, state and foundation grants.

### **Eligibility:**

Investigators at all levels are encouraged to apply, subject to the guidelines of the applicant's institution. Fellows or medical students may apply with a qualified Principal Investigator as a mentor to oversee the project.

### **Duration of Award:**

Projects will have a duration of one year (12 months). Applicants may apply for additional years of funding and will be competitive with applications received during successive rounds of funding.

### **Amount of Award and Allowable Expenses:**

We expect to fund an award in the amount of \$25,000.



## Ovarian Cancer Research Grant Application Requirements

Proposals must include the following:

1. **Technical Abstract of Proposed Research** (One half page) to include rationale of the study, significance of research, aims, and a brief overview of research design and methods.
2. **Lay Abstract of Proposed Research** (one paragraph) which describes the proposed research in terms an educated lay person would understand and describes the significance of the research to the patient population.
3. **Research proposal**, not to exceed 3 pages.
  - o Statement of the Hypothesis
  - o Specific Aims of the Study
  - o Background
  - o Significance and Impact
  - o Preliminary Studies/Results (if applicable)
  - o Research Design and Methods
  - o Additional supporting information may be provided in addendum form if necessary.
4. **Budget detailing direct cost expenditures.**
  - o Detailed Budget with direct costs
  - o Budget Justification
  - o OCERN funds cannot be used for indirect costs, PI salary replacement or travel.
5. **Contact Information.**
  - o Biographical Sketch (two pages) of key personnel
6. **Literature Cited.**
7. **Project timeline.**
8. **Letters of Support.**

**Electronic proposals should be directed to [info@ocern.org](mailto:info@ocern.org) and must be received by 5:00p.m., June 1, 2014.**

### **Selection Process:**

OCERN utilizes a peer-review process for all research proposals. Reviewers will evaluate each proposal according to the following criteria:

1. Quality – 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 given the experience, expertise, and commitment of the investigator as well as available data and funding.



**Grant recipients will be notified by OCERN on August 1, 2014**

**Awardee Requirements:**

Grant recipients are required to attend the 2014 Let's ROC!! Run for Ovarian Cancer on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and deliver a brief presentation on the awarded project. Additionally, the awardee is required to:

- Submit a half-year project progress report (three page maximum) and a one-page budget report to OCERN.
- Submit a final report (five page maximum) and final budget report to OCERN.
- Submit an abstract for presentation (poster or oral) at a professional conference (e.g. SGO, APHA, ASCO, etc.) and/or publish results and provide proper acknowledgement in a peer-reviewed journal.

**Award Schedule:**

OCERN agrees to fund 100% of the total award upon selection of recipient. All funds awarded *must* be expended within a calendar year of the project start date.

**For questions regarding the proposal process, please contact OCERN at:**

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The Ovarian Cancer Education & Research Network, Inc. (OCERN) is a 501 (c)(3) organization formed in 2012 by a group of dedicated volunteers with a personal connection to ovarian cancer. Our mission is to advocate for research for the early detection, treatment and cure of ovarian cancer. We promote ovarian cancer education in our communities and will provide a network of resources and support for women and their families.