

SITC-Merck Cancer Immunotherapy Clinical Fellowship Award Application Information

Objective	To support the development of the next generation of immunotherapy experts, this one-year award aims to provide support for the research being conducted by individuals who have an MD or combined MD/PhD degree and a vested interest in furthering the research and translation of cancer immunotherapy. Funding is to support investigators involved in basic and translational research in cancer immunotherapy.
Sponsors	Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) <i>Forward</i> Fund and Merck
Amount	This one-year fellowship award will provide \$100,000 in support, which may be allocated to salary, equipment, supplies and fringe benefits (no indirect costs). Applicants are required to submit a proposed budget in conjunction with the application. Payments are made in U.S. dollars to the host institution.
Eligibility	To be eligible for this fellowship, applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Be a SITC member in good standing at time of submission (i.e., current in dues)▪ Hold an MD or combined MD/PhD degree▪ Currently hold a position at a leading academic cancer center as a post-doctoral fellow, resident, research scientist or comparable position▪ Name a pre-arranged fellowship mentor▪ Submit a letter of recommendation from the mentor along with the application (see following page)▪ Commit 75% of their workday to research supported by the fellowship
Deadline	March 9, 2015 at 11:59 pm EST
Selection	Selection is made by the SITC Grant Review Committee. Applicants will be notified via email of their application's acceptance or decline within 7-10 weeks of the application deadline.
Terms	<p>Receipt of this award does not preclude the applicant from obtaining grant support from other sources. Support from the SITC-Merck Cancer Immunotherapy Clinical Fellowship Award is to be acknowledged in presentations and publications resulting from the research sponsored by the award.</p> <p>The award is nontransferable. The award recipient is directly responsible as an employee to the supporting academic and industry institutions. The sponsoring institutions are responsible for documenting their role in terms of supporting education and research efforts as well as providing adequate research capacity, including space and equipment, for the award. SITC may discontinue the award if it is documented that the purpose or the terms of the award are not being fulfilled. In this event, the recipient will be notified in writing of this determination, the reason and the effective date.</p> <p>The recipient must submit a halfway point (6 months) and a final written progress report to SITC, including disposition of funds. Any unused funds will be returned to SITC. The recipient will present the final results of his/her research at the SITC Annual Meeting as well as submit an abstract during the regular abstract submission process.</p>

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The application will be organized on the submission site as follows:

I. Applicant and Sponsor Information

II. Research Plan and Budget

The research plan should include a thorough statement of the candidate's proposed research plan in cancer immunotherapy. This section will include:

A. Project Title

B. Specific aims

C. Background and significance

D. Preliminary data and research plan (if applicable)

E. Candidate career goals and long-range objectives

F. References

G. Research project and justification

The budget should outline the anticipated spend of the \$100,000 award among salary, research and other associated costs.

H. Facilities

A description of the facilities for research and training needed by the candidate must be included.

I. Financial Information

- Stipend and Institutional Allowance Payable to: (both must be payable directly to sponsoring institution)
- Mailing Address for Check
- Sponsoring Institution Tax ID# or EIN#

III. Uploads

Required Documents:

• 3 Personal References

Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the candidate's qualifications must be included with the application.

• Applicant's Statement of Purpose

This letter should outline the award and career objectives of the applicant toward cancer immunotherapy research. This letter should specify:

- Current and future cancer immunotherapy research objectives
- Further training requested by the candidate

• Sponsor Letter

This letter should be from the program director, division or department chair sponsoring the candidate and acting as a fellowship mentor. It must clearly present:

- A description of current or proposed programs in cancer immunotherapy research and development
- Program support now available or intended for the term of the fellowship
- The program's placement within the institution and any interdisciplinary activities
- The candidate's role and academic appointment(s)
- Further training required by the candidate, as documented by the appropriate academic official
- Plans and potential for the applicant to develop into an independently funded investigator

IV. Institutional Certifications

Human subjects Yes No

If yes, Exemption no. or Assurance of Compliance no: _____

Vertebrate animals Yes No

If yes, Animal Welfare Assurance no: _____

Recombinant DNA and/or other Nonexempt Biohazards Yes No

If yes, Assurance or Compliance no: _____

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