



## SPECIAL INITIATIVES / REQUESTS FOR APPLICATIONS

### **Priority Focus in Cancer Control and Prevention Research Program: Cancer Health Disparities Research**

The American Cancer Society has set as a nationwide objective the goal of eliminating disparities in cancer burdens by 2015. To achieve this goal, research on the reduction of cancer health disparities is identified as a priority area for funding. Within the Cancer Control and Prevention Research Program, meritorious applications in psychosocial, behavioral, health policy and health services research that address cancer health disparities will be funded prior to meritorious applications focusing on other areas in cancer control and prevention research.

### **Of particular interest are studies that focus on reducing disparities in the following population groups:**

African Americans, Hispanic/Latinos, Asians/Pacific Islanders, Native Americans/Alaskan Natives, Low Income/Rural Poor. Other population groups may also be considered, such as those characterized by gender, age, race/ethnicity, income, social class, disability, geographic location or sexual orientation. In order to qualify for the Priority Program, the proposal must explicitly demonstrate relevance to cancer disparities and specify how the results can be used to reduce disparities. Applications will be accepted within four mechanisms: Postdoctoral Fellowship, Mentored Research Scholar Grant, Research Scholar Grant, or Clinical Research Professor.

**Request for Applications: Pilot and Exploratory Grants in Palliative Care** Supports investigators performing pilot and exploratory research studies that test interventions, develop research methodologies, and explore novel areas of research in palliative care of cancer patients and their families. Applications will be accepted via the Pilot and Exploratory Grants Mechanism. The maximum award is for 2 years and up to \$60,000 per year (direct costs) plus 20% indirect costs. Annual Deadline: October 15

**Request for Applications: The role of healthcare and insurance in improving outcomes in cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment** Supports projects that investigate how healthcare costs, healthcare system structure and capacity, socioeconomic factors (including insurance status), personal characteristics (such as race and ethnicity), and delivery of healthcare services affect outcomes related to cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment. The purpose is to stimulate research on the effects of the US healthcare system structure and the role of insurance on access to screenings and treatment. Applications will be accepted via the Research Scholar Grant in Cancer Control and Prevention Program. The maximum award is for 4 years and up to \$200,000 per year (direct costs) plus 20% indirect costs. Annual Deadlines: April 1 and October 15.

## USEFUL INFORMATION FOR APPLYING

Visit our web site at [www.cancer.org/research](http://www.cancer.org/research) for more information about each type of grant, including eligibility requirements, policies and instructions and a link to proposalCENTRAL (electronic application web site, <https://proposalcentral.altum.com>). On the ACS web site, scroll to “**Index of Grants**” (at page bottom) and select from the links provided.

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