



## Funding Opportunities for Social Work Training, Research, and Career Development

The American Cancer Society, the largest not-for-profit funding source for cancer research, is pleased to invite applications for the following grants to support training, research, and career development in areas of interest to oncology social workers:

**Master's Training Grants in Clinical Oncology Social Work:** This award is to institutions to support the training of second-year master's degree students to provide psychosocial services to persons with cancer and their families. Beginning in July 2012, the grant term will be two years with annual funding of \$12,000 (trainee award of \$10,000 and \$2,000 for faculty professional development). These grants are renewable. **Annual Deadline: October 15 only.**

**Doctoral Training Grants in Oncology Social Work:** This award is to support graduate students at schools of social work that train individuals to conduct research related to oncology social work. An initial 2-year grant is offered with annual funding of \$20,000 and with possibility of 2-year competitive renewal. **Annual Deadline: October 15 only.**

**Postdoctoral Fellowships:** This award is to support the training of researchers who have just received their doctorate to enable them to qualify for an independent career in cancer research (including psychosocial, behavioral, epidemiologic, preclinical, clinical, and basic research). Awards are made for one to three years with progressive stipends of \$40,000, \$42,000, and \$44,000 per year, plus a \$4,000 per year institutional allowance.

**Mentored Research Scholar Grants in Applied and Clinical Research:** Provides support for mentored research and training to full-time junior faculty, typically within the initial four years of their first independent appointment. The goal is for these beginning investigators to become independent researchers as either clinician scientists or cancer control and prevention researchers. Awards are for up to five years and for up to \$135,000 per year (direct costs), plus 8% allowable indirect costs. Up to 10,000 per year for the mentor is included in the \$135,000.

**Research Scholar Grants:** Support investigator-initiated projects across the cancer research continuum. Awards are for up to four years and for up to \$200,000 per year (direct costs), plus 20% allowable indirect costs. **Eligibility Criteria:** Independent investigators in the first six years of an independent research career or faculty appointment are eligible to apply. **Exceptions:** *RSG applicants to the Cancer Control and Prevention Research Program ONLY may be at **any** career stage provided the focus of their project is either: 1) health policy/health services research or 2) cancer disparity reduction (see Priority Focus Program below and full program policies for additional information including special terms for population-based studies).*

**Clinical Research Professor Awards:** Awarded to outstanding mid-career investigators who have made seminal contributions that have changed the

direction of clinical, psychosocial, behavioral, health policy or epidemiologic cancer research. In general, applicants will recently have attained the rank of full professor. The awards are for five years in the total amount of \$400,000, and may be renewed once.

#### 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 using one of four mechanisms: Postdoctoral Fellowship, Mentored Research Scholar Grant, Research Scholar Grant, or Clinical Research Professor.

For a full description of all American Cancer Society grants, including instructions and policies:

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