2026-2027

FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN'S CANCER RESEARCH GRANTS

Call for Applications

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GYNECOLOGIC CANCER GRANTS

Foundation for Women's Cancer (FWC) BRIDGES Accelerator Research Grants

Two 2027 FWC BRIDGES Accelerator Research Grants are made possible by the Foundation for Women's Cancer to amplify the impact of BRIDGES research protocols.

Eligibility: Current or former SGO/GOG-F BRIDGES Scholars developing an interventional clinical trial under the mentorship of BRIDGES faculty mentors.

Allowable uses include:

- Preclinical studies supporting a proposed clinical trial (e.g., agent activity, tissue-based endpoints, toxicity/dose selection).
- Pilot studies to optimize instruments (e.g., survey validation, translated patient materials).
- Outreach to align protocols with community priorities (e.g., advisory boards, patient advocate engagement).
- Integration of correlative studies to confirm on-target effects or identify biomarkers for phase II/III trials.
- Multisite expansion via collaboration with other BRIDGES scholars.
- Real-world data to inform trial design and clinical relevance.
- Other initiatives that accelerate launch or expand trial impact.

Two, one-year research grants of up to $50,000 each

Foundation for Women's Cancer (FWC) Move4Her Research Grant

This grant is open to all gynecologic cancers. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges all participants and supporters of the 2025 Move4Her campaigns for making this grant possible. This is the sixth research grant funded through Move4Her.

$50,000 one-year research grant

Natera Research Grant Focused on Innovative Uses of Personalized Molecular Residual Disease Testing in Gynecologic Cancers

This grant application invites proposals for research projects that incorporate personalized Molecular Residual Disease testing (MRD) to advance the management of gynecologic cancers. Projects should focus on innovative uses of MRD in gynecologic cancers, including but not limited to:

- Prospective interventional or decision-impact studies to evaluate the clinical utility of MRD for optimizing treatment strategies in ovarian, endometrial, cervical, or other gynecologic cancers.
- Treatment monitoring studies utilizing ctDNA dynamics to inform escalation, de-escalation, or switching of therapy.
- Investigations of ctDNA as a surrogate endpoint for treatment efficacy and/or survival in clinical trials.
- Evaluation of the potential of MRD-guided interventions to reduce overtreatment or toxicity, including financial toxicity.
- MRD-guided surveillance studies that utilize ctDNA dynamics to inform imaging and/or treatment escalation.

Priority will be given to prospective, interventional designs that explore the value of MRD-informed care for patients with gynecological cancer. Proposals that focus on MRD feasibility/detectability in gynecologic cancer and/or general prognostic value of MRD in gynecologic cancers will be given less priority.

Investigators with biobank-related project proposals may contact Natera directly by filling out a Natera Sponsored Trials research form. Biobank study criteria are listed below:

- Serial timepoints available, with >5 mL of plasma collected and banked per timepoint.
- Tumor tissue available for assay development and analysis.
- Matched normal whole blood or other sample types that allow for germline analysis.
- Clinical follow-up data available to enable correlation of MRD results with interventions and outcomes.

$50,000 one-year research grant

Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO) Winter Meeting Early Career Research Grant

This grant is open to all gynecologic cancers. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges all SGO members and meeting attendees who contributed to this grant during the 2026 SGO Winter Meeting. This is the third research grant funded through SGO member and meeting attendee donations during the SGO Winter Meeting.

$50,000 one-year research grant

CERVICAL CANCER GRANTS

Harold and Barbara Rosenbaum Family Foundation Cervical Cancer Diversity in Prevention and Clinical Research Grant

This grant supports research focused on the intersection of diversity and cervical cancer research. Proposals should seek to eliminate inequities in cervical cancer care and increase representation of underrepresented groups in the cervical cancer community.

Proposals should seek to eliminate inequities in cervical cancer care, specifically related to differential outcomes experienced by people from underserved or marginalized populations with cervical cancer, and to increase representation of underrepresented groups in the cervical cancer community as a strategy to achieve health equity for underserved people. This is the fourth grant supported by the Harold and Barbara Rosenbaum Family Foundation. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the Harold and Barbara Rosenbaum Family Foundation for their support of this grant.

Those eligible to apply are those who propose a study focused on a marginalized group, or those who are from an underrepresented group within the field of research including but not limited to racially and/or ethnically marginalized, rural, and lower socioeconomic status communities.

Information on underrepresented groups as identified by the NIH can be found here.

$50,000 one-year research grant

OVARIAN CANCER GRANTS

Amy Krouse Rosenthal Foundation Research Grant for Early Detection of Ovarian Cancer

The Amy Krouse Rosenthal Foundation Ovarian Cancer Early Detection grant supports research in early detection and recurrence biomarker development.

The funded project must fall under one of the following areas:

- **Early detection of premalignant lesions** (including, but not limited to, serous tubal intraepithelial carcinoma (STIC)) through methods such as:
    - Serum/plasma analysis
    - Uterine lavage
    - Pap smears
    - Fallopian tube sampling

- **Biomarker development** for the early detection of ovarian cancer and/or ovarian cancer recurrence.
    - Identification of high-risk patients (including, but not limited to, BRCA or PALB2 mutation carriers) and methodologies for the early detection of ovarian cancer within these populations.
    - Biology of premalignant lesions/ early ovarian cancer.

$72,500 one-year research grant

AstraZeneca Early Career Ovarian Cancer Research Grant

This award is designed to support promising fellows and early career faculty pursuing innovative research in ovarian cancer. The grant aims to foster the development of the next generation of investigators and provide critical support during the transition to research independence. Projects may encompass basic, translational, clinical, or population-based research relevant to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or outcomes of gynecologic cancers with additional consideration for proposals with emphasis on DNA damage response (DDR), immuno-oncology (IO), and antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs). Applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to a career in gynecologic oncology research and describe how the proposed work will advance their development as an independent investigator. Priority will be given to innovative projects with the potential to generate preliminary data and catalyze future research and extramural funding.

$50,000 one-year research grant

Daiichi Sankyo Early Career Ovarian Cancer Research Grant

This award is designed to support promising fellow and early career faculty pursuing innovative research in ovarian cancer. The grant aims to foster the development of the next generation of investigators and provide critical support during the transition to research independence. Projects may encompass basic, translational, clinical, or population-based research relevant to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or outcomes of gynecologic cancers. Applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to a career in gynecologic cancer research and describe how the proposed work will advance their development as an independent investigator. Priority will be given to innovative projects with the potential to generate preliminary data and catalyze future research and extramural funding.

$75,000 one-year research grant

GSK Early Career Ovarian Cancer Research Grant

This award is designed to support promising fellow and early career faculty pursuing innovative research in ovarian cancer. The grant aims to foster the development of the next generation of investigators and provide critical support during the transition to research independence. Projects may encompass basic, translational, clinical, or population-based research relevant to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or outcomes of gynecologic cancers. Applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to a career in gynecologic oncology research and describe how the proposed work will advance their development as an independent investigator. Priority will be given to innovative projects with the potential to generate preliminary data and catalyze future research and extramural funding.

$75,000 one-year research grant

Innovative Approaches to Malignant SBO Research Grant in loving memory of Irina Rozentsveyg

This award supports innovative research to improve outcomes for patients with advanced ovarian cancer complicated by malignant bowel obstruction, a devastating condition that can limit or preclude further cancer-directed therapy. The award also encourages innovative therapeutic, procedural, supportive-care, or multidisciplinary strategies that prevent or relieve obstruction and enable patients to receive or continue effective cancer-directed treatment. Research addressing the biology of malignant bowel obstruction is encouraged when it may identify direct mechanisms or targets for preventing or managing obstruction, including factors related to peritoneal disease, fibrosis, and intestinal dysfunction.

We invite **innovative, multidisciplinary proposals** that apply new concepts from gynecologic oncology, surgery, gastroenterology, interventional radiology, biomechanics, biomedical engineering, materials science, and related fields. Projects may include laboratory, computational, engineering, preclinical, or early translational research. Areas of interest include:

- Novel surgical or minimally invasive approaches
- Innovative stents, devices, biomaterials, or drug-delivery systems
- Strategies to manage partial obstruction and prevent progression or preemptive approaches to prevent obstruction
- Approaches that may enable continuation or resumption of anticancer treatment
- Interventions that preserve bowel function, nutrition, and quality of life

$100,000 one-year research grant

Laura Crandall Brown Foundation Ovarian Cancer Early Detection Grant

The Laura Crandall Brown Ovarian Cancer Foundation graciously offers this grant in memory of Laura Crandall Brown, who passed away at the age of 25 from ovarian cancer. As part of their mission of research, support, and empowering communities, this ninth grant in partnership with FWC focuses on early detection. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the Laura Crandall Brown Ovarian Cancer Foundation for their support.

$50,000 one-year research grant

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition Early Detection Research Grant

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) supports their mission to save lives through the prevention and cure of ovarian cancer in part by donating to ovarian cancer research. Since their founding in 1991, NOCC has become an important national advocate for patients and families fighting ovarian cancer. This is the NOCC's sixth year supporting the FWC Research Grants program. This grant is focused on early detection of ovarian cancer. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the NOCC for their support of this grant.

$50,000 one-year research grant

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition Quality of Life Research Grant

This is the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition's (NOCC) sixth year funding research through the FWC. This grant is focused on Quality of Life in relation to ovarian cancer. NOCC is making this funding available as part of their commitment to investing in meaningful research that serves the ovarian cancer community. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the NOCC for their support of this grant.

$50,000 one-year research grant

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition Health Equity & Diversity Research Grant

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition is proud to announce their one-year grant to support innovative research focused on addressing health disparities and advancing equity in ovarian cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship. Priority will be given to projects that explore the impact of social determinants of health, improve access to care, and promote diversity and inclusion in ovarian cancer research. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the NOCC for their support of this grant.

$50,000 one-year research grant

St. Louis Ovarian Cancer Awareness Research Grant for Ovarian Cancer

St. Louis Ovarian Cancer Awareness (SLOCA) is committed to impacting ovarian cancer survivorship by promoting awareness of early warning signs and standards of care, funding ovarian cancer research, & supporting survivors. Grant funding provided by St. Louis Ovarian Cancer Awareness (SLOCA) is intended for junior faculty to encourage an academic career or for a last-year fellow continuing work at their current institution. This is the 21st research grant supported by SLOCA. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges SLOCA for their support of this grant.

$50,000 one-year research grant

ENDOMETRIAL/UTERINE CANCER GRANTS

Endometrial Cancer Early Detection or Prevention Research Grant in Honor of Mary Graham Harris

This grant supports research to advance the early detection of endometrial cancer through the development and validation of noninvasive diagnostic approaches and improved identification of individuals at increased risk. Areas of interest include biomarkers and risk-prediction strategies incorporating clinical and molecular data, as well as characterization of molecular alterations in precursor lesions (EIN/EIC) that may enable detection of progression to invasive disease.

$50,000 one-year research grant

GSK Early Career Endometrial Cancer Research Grant

This award is designed to support promising fellows and early career faculty pursuing innovative research in endometrial cancer. The grant aims to foster the development of the next generation of investigators and provide critical support during the transition to research independence. Projects may encompass basic, translational, clinical, or population-based research relevant to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or outcomes of gynecologic cancers. Applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to a career in gynecologic oncology research and describe how the proposed work will advance their development as an independent investigator. Priority will be given to innovative projects with the potential to generate preliminary data and catalyze future research and extramural funding.

$75,000 one-year research grant

Laughlin Family Foundation Research Grant for High-Grade Uterine Cancer

The Laughlin Family Foundation is honored to fund their fourth FWC research grant for high-grade uterine cancer. This grant seeks to support innovative research that advances the treatment of high-grade endometrial cancer and addresses the critical challenge of therapeutic resistance. Proposed studies may investigate mechanisms of hormonal/endocrine resistance, immune escape, lineage plasticity, tumor-microenvironment interactions, the role of the microbiome in inflammation and treatment response, and biomarkers that predict responsiveness to current or emerging therapies. Priority will be given to projects employing cutting-edge technologies and translational approaches that identify actionable targets, accelerate therapeutic development, and improve the durability and personalization of care for patients with aggressive endometrial cancers.

$50,000 one-year research grant

Shields Family Research Grant for High-Grade Uterine Cancer

This grant seeks to support innovative research that advances the treatment of high-grade endometrial cancer and addresses the critical challenge of therapeutic resistance. Proposed studies may investigate mechanisms of hormonal/endocrine resistance, immune escape, lineage plasticity, tumor-microenvironment interactions, the role of the microbiome in inflammation and treatment response, and biomarkers that predict responsiveness to current or emerging therapies. Priority will be given to projects employing cutting-edge technologies and translational approaches that identify actionable targets, accelerate therapeutic development, and improve the durability and personalization of care for patients with aggressive endometrial cancers.

$50,000 one-year research grant

Wilma Williams Education and Clinical Research Grant for Endometrial Cancer

This grant supports research to improve outcomes for patients with high-risk and poor-prognosis endometrial cancer, including serous tumors and sarcomas. Priority will be given to studies that integrate precision-based tools and molecular diagnostics including ctDNA, genomic and gene-expression profiling, proteomics, and other emerging technologies into clinical and translational research to improve risk stratification, guide treatment selection, monitor therapeutic response, and identify mechanisms of resistance.

This grant honors both Wilma Williams and the tireless work and dedication of all gynecologic oncologists. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges Dr. James Orr & Mrs. Vicki Orr for their support of this grant. This is the thirteenth grant supported by Dr. James Orr & Mrs. Vicki Orr.

$50,000 one-year research grant

MULTI-TYPE GYNECOLOGIC CANCER GRANTS

Farr Nezhat, MD Research Grant in Endometriosis

This grant supports innovative molecular profiling of endometriosis to identify dysregulated pathways that advance understanding of disease biology and reveal actionable targets for therapeutic development. The goal is to translate these discoveries into more precise and effective treatments that can augment and ultimately may reduce or replace the need for surgical intervention. The grant also seeks to deepen understanding of the molecular and precancerous linkages between endometriosis and endometriosis-associated ovarian cancers, particularly endometrioid and clear cell ovarian cancer.

$100,000 one-year research grant

Genmab Research Grant Advancing Innovation in Ovarian and Endometrial Cancer

This grant focuses on understanding FRα expression levels throughout the disease trajectory of ovarian or endometrial cancer. Priority will be given to supporting research that enhances our understanding of folate receptor alpha (FRα) expression levels throughout the progression of ovarian and/or endometrial cancer. These insights could inform treatment decision-making and enable more precise patient stratification, ultimately improving clinical outcomes. Representation of underserved populations will be a highly valued feature in the review of submissions.

- Unmet needs in rare histologies across ovarian and endometrial cancer: real-world testing, monitoring, disproportional health outcomes in certain demographics, quality of life

$50,000 one-year research grant

Institute for Surgical Excellence Surgical Innovation Research Grant

This grant will support the development of AI enabled web-based risk stratification tools to identify patients who may benefit from enhanced screening, risk reducing interventions, and preventative strategies for endometrial cancer. By integrating clinical and patient-

specific risk factors with advanced imaging, including MRI and ultrasound, this project aims to improve individualized risk assessment, facilitate early detection and prevention, expand access to innovative diagnostic strategies, and improve outcomes for women in our underserved communities.

$50,000 one-year research grant

Research Grant in Memory of Peggy A. Yates

This grant is open to all gynecologic cancers except ovarian cancer.
This grant supports innovative research to advance the early detection of gynecologic cancers through minimally invasive, accessible, and cost-effective approaches. Priority will be given to the discovery and validation of diagnostic biomarkers using readily obtainable biospecimens, including urine, vaginal or cervical samples, and blood, as well as emerging sampling technologies. The goal is to develop accurate, scalable screening strategies that enable earlier diagnosis and can be broadly implemented across diverse populations and care settings.

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the family of Peggy A. Yates for support of this grant.

$50,000 one-year research grant

Wendy R. Brewster MD, PhD Early Career Research Grant

Established in memory of Wendy R. Brewster, MD, PhD a beloved national leader, mentor, and advocate in gynecologic oncology, this grant supports fellows and physicians demonstrating success in the field of gynecologic oncology with their research in cervical or endometrial cancer research within the first two years following fellowship as they launch careers as physician-investigators. Funding provides protected nonclinical research time and research-related support to generate preliminary data and advance future independent investigation. Consistent with Dr. Brewster's legacy, research addressing health equity, disparities in cancer outcomes, and improved quality of care for all patients is particularly encouraged.

$25,000 one-year research grant