The Foundation for Gynecologic Oncology is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for the ME STRONG Young Investigator’s Award. The application deadline is Friday, November 21, 2014. Grant winners will be notified by December 15, 2014. The grant project period is January 5, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

About This Award

Established in 2014 through a grant from the ME STRONG Foundation, the Foundation’s ME STRONG Young Investigator’s Award focuses on developing innovative approaches to understanding cervical cancer biology, and factors that affect its natural history.

An award of $15,000 will be funded in 2014. Research proposal applications will require a detailed budget. Research proposal applications will require a detailed budget. The Foundation for Gynecologic Oncology is a non-profit charity organization, and as such, we do not pay indirect costs. Indirect costs are defined as expenses that benefit common activities such as utilities; existing IT equipment, maintenance and depreciation; insurance; administrative supplies and support; and other shared resources not directly attributable to a project. Application may not exceed five (5) pages in Arial 11 pt font with 1” margins.

Application Policies / Guidelines

1. Candidates are required to be a full, candidate, associate or fellow member of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO) for a minimum of two (2) years to be eligible for this award. Candidates below the rank of Associate Professor must submit a letter from their research mentor.

2. The subject of the original research may include any “clinical” area related to the prevention and treatment of endometrial cancer.

3. The research must be conducted in North America.

4. Funding requests will be considered in any amount up to a maximum of $15,000 per year.

5. All applications must be accompanied by a letter from the applicant’s PI/Department Chair or designee, certifying the institution’s or department’s support of the proposed research project.

6. The Foundation for Gynecologic Oncology is a non-profit charity organization, and as such, we do not pay indirect costs.

7. The recipient of the grant must submit a six (6) month detailed progress report and an annual progress report to the Foundation within two (2) months after the end of the grant period.

8. Grant awardees should be present to accept their award during the awards session of the SGO Annual Meeting on Women’s Cancer in March.

9. The Foundation encourages grant awardees to submit an abstract on the results or findings of the grant project during the SGO Annual Meeting on Women’s Cancer. If selected, abstract winners agree to be present at the Meeting to report the results of the grant project.

10. Publications presenting work resulting from the grant support will acknowledge the grantor and contain the statement that the work was “funded by the ME STRONG Young Investigator’s Award from the Foundation for Gynecologic Oncology.”

11. The Foundation will be notified of any abstracts, reports, manuscripts, or any other form of published information, e.g., electronic media, book chapters, videos, tapes, etc., that were supported in whole or in part by this grant.

12. Grant awardees give permission to use their likeness in photography for publications, promotional purposes, website, media press releases and coverage, and any other such purpose on behalf of the ME STRONG Young Investigator’s Award grant program. No compensation in any form will be received for the use of the grant awardee’s likeness.
Application Documents / Deadline

**Documents:**
- Grant Application (link on website to pdf doc)
- Grant Award Acceptance Form (link on website to pdf doc)

**Deadline:**
Applications are due via email only by 5:00 p.m. central time on Friday, November 21, 2014.

**Email applications to:**
research.awards@sgo.org

Please include in the email subject:
FGO – Me Strong Grant Application

Application Format

1. **Length:** Application may not exceed five (5) pages in Arial 11 pt. font with 1” margins.

2. **Budget:**
   - A maximum of $15,000 is available per year.
   - The award is made payable to the institution or department listed on the application.
   - Funds may be used for any reasonable purpose related to the accomplishment of the proposed project. Funds may not be used for institutional indirect costs.

3. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** The applicant should include a CV with a listing of any past or present research support and all publications. The CV should not exceed four (4) pages.

4. **Research Plan:** (must include the following components):
   - Project Title
   - Background: A review of the scientific and/or clinical background and literature that illustrates the significance of the problem and methods to address it.
   - Hypothesis
   - Primary & Secondary Aim(s)
   - Methods/Statistical Issues: This section should include discussion of research methods and procedures as well as analysis of statistical methods and sampling.

5. **Statement of collaboration (optional):** If the grant project involves collaboration with others, a one-page statement and abbreviated CV (no more than 6 pages) for the collaborator(s) should be provided.

Selection

- Candidates for the award will be considered by the FGO Project Development & Protocol Review Committee.
- The Committee will consider all applications as they have been submitted.
- After careful deliberations by the Committee, its recommendations will be forwarded to the Research Institute Oversight Committee for final approval.

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