



**Prostate Cancer Foundation
2015 Young Investigator Awards**

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Award Description

The Prostate Cancer Foundation (www.pcf.org) champions human capital investment to fast-forward solutions for prostate cancer with the ultimate goal of ending death and suffering from prostate cancer. We continue to focus significant efforts on developing gifted cohorts of young prostate cancer researchers and are pleased to announce a new round of funding for PCF Young Investigators.

PCF Young Investigator Awards will be three (3) years in duration and will provide \$75,000 per year. The award funds may be used flexibly to advance the career and research efforts of the awardee. This, for example, includes funding "protected time" or direct costs for experiments. Every PCF Young Investigator is required to be under the direct supervision of a mentor. Young Investigator awardees are required to attend the Annual PCF Scientific Retreat and Young Investigator Day, typically held in October, throughout the duration of their award. In addition, documentation of an equal in-kind level of support will be requested in the form of dedicated space, equipment, institutional overhead, core institutional resources, etc. The documentation required is a letter from the Cancer Center Director or Departmental Chairperson which confirms institutional commitment to the career development of the PCF Young Investigator.

We welcome applications from the global community. Applications are encouraged from early-career basic scientists, medical oncologists, pathologists, urologists, radiologists, radiation oncologists, public health experts, bioinformaticians, bioengineers, or professionals from any other field that could contribute to the end of prostate cancer. Applicants may be working in basic, translational, or clinical research and need not be trained specifically in prostate cancer research. However, successful applicants should be working in a research environment capable of supporting transformational prostate cancer research. Access to and interaction with a clinical environment, as well as translational prostate cancer physician-scientists, is highly desirable.

Research proposals submitted in consideration for this award should, if successful, provide high impact to the field. "Small-step" or incremental proposals are usually non-competitive. Highly innovative basic science programs will be carefully considered, but priority will be given to "bench to bedside" translational research proposals with the potential to deliver near term benefit to patients.

PCF Young Investigator Award Application Guidelines

- Applicant should be within six-years following completion of a professional degree or clinical training such as MD, PhD, DSc, MD-PhD or equivalent.
- Applicant may hold title of Senior Postdoctoral Fellow, Instructor, Research Associate, Assistant Professor, or equivalent.
- Applicant must be under the direct supervision of a mentor(s).
- Applicant should have received no more than \$200,000 in current direct research funding from all sources including institutional funds. Investigators who have specifically received young investigator research support from the NCI, NIH, or DoD are still qualified and very much encouraged to apply.
- **Research Proposal:** The Research Proposal and all supporting documents listed below should be uploaded as 6 separate PDF files on the application form at <https://pcf.smartsimple.com>
 - 1) A three (3) year research proposal no greater than five (5) pages, plus a list of references cited is required. PCF welcomes preliminary data in the five pages of text but does not have a strict data requirement. The proposal should include a half-page description of how this research may benefit patients with advanced prostate cancer. The five-page limit applies only to the proposal and not to references.
 - 2) Two letters of support indicating the applicant's strengths and potential to become an independent investigator at the end of the PCF Young Investigator Award are required: One from the applicant's Mentor; the second from the applicant's Departmental Chairperson or Cancer Center Director. (One combined PDF)
 - 3) A letter from the applicant's Departmental Chairperson assuring that matching in-kind support will be provided in the form of dedicated space, institutional overhead, institutional core research facilities, etc.
 - 4) A 1-2 page mentorship plan from the mentor detailing the commitment of the mentor to launch an independent career for the Young Investigator in prostate cancer research. This letter should also detail the following: 1) ongoing prostate cancer research in the mentor's lab; 2) details of the training plan for the applicant; 3) the mentor's record and success in mentoring trainees; 4) the degree of engagement of the mentor with the Young Investigator's research to ensure a productive experience.
 - 5) The applicant's NIH short form CV.
 - 6) A short form CV for each mentor. (One combined PDF)

Visit <https://pcf.smartsimple.com>, complete the online application form and attach the PDFs.

Please direct questions to: applications@pcf.org

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THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THESE APPLICATIONS IS
Wednesday, June 3 2015, 3:00 pm, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
IN FAIRNESS TO ALL, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE