

## 2019 SITC-Amgen Cancer Immunotherapy in Hematologic Malignancies Fellowship Award

- Eligibility:** To be eligible for this fellowship, applicants must:
- Hold an MD or combined MD/PhD degree
  - Currently hold a position at a leading academic cancer center as a post-doctoral fellow, resident, research scientist or comparable position
  - Be a SITC member in good standing at time of submission (i.e., current in dues)
  - Name a pre-arranged fellowship mentor
  - Submit a letter of recommendation from the mentor along with the application
  - Commit 75% of their workday to research supported by the fellowship
- Selection:** Selection is made by the SITC Awards Review Committee. Applicants will be notified via email of their application's acceptance or decline within 10-12 weeks of the application deadline.
- Terms:** Receipt of this award does not preclude the applicant from obtaining grant support from other sources. Support from the **2019 SITC-Amgen Cancer Immunotherapy in Hematologic Malignancies Fellowship Award** is to be acknowledged in presentations and publications resulting from the research sponsored by the award.
- The award is nontransferable. The award recipient is directly responsible as an employee to the supporting academic institution. The sponsoring institution is responsible for documenting their role in terms of supporting the education and research efforts as well as providing adequate research capacity, including space and equipment, for the award.
- SITC may discontinue the award if it is documented that the purpose or the terms of the award are not being fulfilled. In this event, the recipient will be notified in writing of this determination, the reason, and the effective date.
- The recipient must submit a halfway point and a final written progress report to SITC, including disposition of funds. Any unused funds will be returned to SITC.
- Application process:** Applicants will submit a completed application form, sponsor statement of purpose (from a mentor/supervisor), an applicant statement of purpose, curriculum vitae, research plan, description of facilities, and personal references (full details on application sample).

**Reporting:** The fellowship recipient will be required to submit a 6-month progress report, which will be reviewed and approved by SITC. **Once the report is approved, the second half of the fellowship funds will be released.** A final progress report is required after the fellowship term has ended.

#### **6-month Report Request Requirements**

1. Project title, award amount, recipient's name
2. Brief overview of the project progress to date
3. Describe highlights related to the award (presentation, publication, abstract, etc.)
4. Outcomes determined at this date

#### **12-month Report Request Requirements**

1. List the original specific aims of project. If the aims have changed please explain.
2. Synopsis of research progress to date
3. Abstracts or other publication resulting from the research project (please provide copy)
4. Any additional pending funding resulting from the studies performed in this research project (title of grant, PI, amount, duration, and agency)
5. Plans after the award term

### **Summary/Outline of Online Application Packet:**

The application will be organized on SITC's Online Fellowship Scorecard, as outlined below:

#### **I. Sponsor's Statement of Purpose**

This letter should be from the program director, division or department chair sponsoring the candidate and acting as a fellowship mentor. It must clearly present:

- A description of current or proposed programs in cancer immunotherapy research and development
- Program support now available or intended for the term of the fellowship
- The program's placement within the institution and any interdisciplinary activities
- The candidate's role and academic appointment(s)
- Further training required by the candidate, as documented by the appropriate academic official
- Plans and potential for the applicant to develop into an independently funded investigator

#### **II. Applicant's Statement of Purpose**

This letter should outline the award and career objectives of the applicant toward cancer immunotherapy research. This letter should specify:

- Current and future cancer immunotherapy research objectives
- Further training requested by the candidate

#### **III. Candidates Curriculum Vitae**

The CV must include a full disclosure of all grants or awards currently received or pending.

**IV. Research Plan and Budget**

The research plan should include a thorough statement of the candidate's proposed research plan in cancer immunotherapy, including

- A. Specific aims
- B. Background and significance
- C. Preliminary results (if applicable)
- D. Methods and procedures
- E. Anticipated outcome
- F. Long-range objectives
- G. References
- H. Research project budget (*Note: The budget should outline the anticipated spend of the \$100,000 award among salary, research and other associated costs.*)

**V. Facilities**

A description of the facilities for research and training needed by the candidate must be included.

**VI. Personal References**

Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the candidate's qualifications must be included with the application.