

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant

1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024

Objective

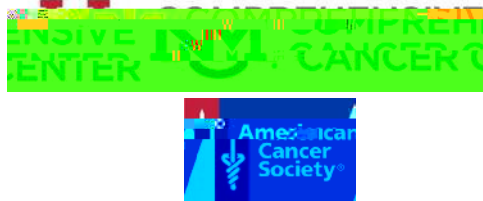
The University of New Mexico (UNM) has been issued an Institutional Research Grant (IRG) by the American Cancer Society (ACS) for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024. The purpose of this grant is to increase the base of cancer-related research at UNM through pilot awards to junior faculty members campus-wide. The intent is to support junior faculty in initiating cancer research projects so they can obtain preliminary results that will enable them to be competitive for national, peer-reviewed cancer research grants. As part of the ACS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategy, ACS has created a new initiative for increasing funding for certain racial and ethnic groups that are traditionally underrepresented in life-science research.

Eligibility

IRG pilot project grants are intended to support independent, self-directed investigators early in their careers, for whom an institution must provide research facilities, resources, or space customary for an independent investigator. These individuals must be eligible to apply for independent national competitive research grants, but may not currently hold an NIH R01 or equivalent grant (defined by ACS as an award of more than \$100K directs annually for more than three years). Applicants for pilot project grants should be within six years of their first independent research or faculty appointment. Support of senior investigators or postdoctoral fellows is not permitted.

Junior faculty members with an appointment in any UNM School or College are eligible for research support through the ACS IRG. Research track, tenure track and clinical educator tract faculty are eligible to apply. Applicants must have adequate release time from clinical and teaching duties for research.

Eligibility is not affected by prior internal or regional research awards or by the prior receipt of Federal awards for mentored research. Each applicant must have identified and have the support of a mentor(s) including at least one who is a member of the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. The mentor should advise in the proposed plan for transition to peer-reviewed external funding.



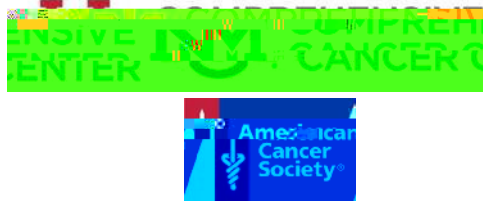
NEW: **Recipients of IRG pilot project grants are not required to be US citizens. However, any applicant who is not a US citizen, must hold a visa that will allow him or her to remain in the US long enough to complete the IRG pilot project.

Terms of Funding

All ACS IRG awardees are expected to attend a 20-week R-Grant Writing Course (R1GOR) to assist their transition to independent, external grant support. The program consists of weekly 90-minute group sessions, peer-writing and review exercises with Dr. Matthew Campen (MCampen@salud.unm.edu) and other experienced research faculty. The curriculum focuses on research development, coupled with formal presentations and workshop exercises designed to build research and grantsmanship skills. Awardees who have already completed this program do not need to repeat it.

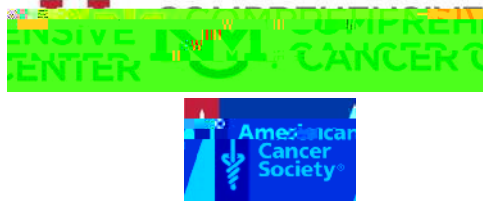


| | Research Award |
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| Award Amount | \$30,000 |
| No. Award/year | 3 |
| Project Period | Up to 1-year* |



Allowable Costs - Applicants must follow UNM and ACS guidelines on the use of funds.

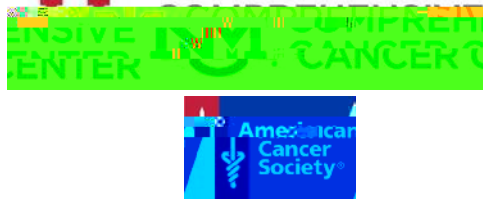
- x Salary for technicians, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are permitted
- x Research supplies and animal maintenance
- x User fees in core facilities
- x Technical assistance
- x Domestic travel when necessary to carry out the proposed research program
- x Publication costs, including reprints
- x



Application Components:

1. **General Information Form**

The title should be descriptive and specific and should not exceed 60 characters, including spaces between words and punctuation. Renewal applications should



6. Environmental & Future Plans

- a. Describe the space and facilities available for the project.
- b. Describe the time available for research
- c. Frequent interactions with designated mentor(s) are highly encouraged for the success of newly independent investigators. Describe the applicant/mentee relationship and how the applicant will utilize this relationship to aide in their future plans for external funding.
- d. Provide a specific plan for transition to external funding.

7. Cancer Relevance Information Form

This form contains a separate page for Cancer Relevant Information, including space for a General Audience Summary that is particularly useful to the officers of the ACS Southwest Division.

8. Research Promotion Form (optional)

This form is again useful to the officers of the ACS Southwest Division. Although not a condition of the award, many IRGC awardees have developed and maintained important roles in the activities of the Division.

9. Letter from Department Chair or Division Chief

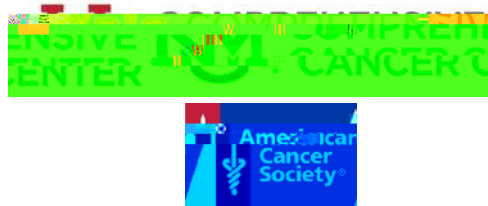
Specifically addressing space and facilities, time available for research and current expectations for a research career.

10. Letter from Mentor(s)

This letter must be from a UNM faculty member from within or outside the applicant's department. It must assure the mentor's willingness to serve in this role and present a detailed mentoring plan that includes the frequency of meetings. At least one mentor must be a member of the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center.

11. Appendix

A limited appendix, e.g. publications and manuscripts, supplemental explanations



Submission