

GRAY FOUNDATION TEAM SCIENCE PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2026 LOI PHASE

LOI Release Date: November 6, 2025

LOI Due Date: January 9, 2026

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The mission of this new grant cycle is to fund highly meritorious research projects that bring together the best minds in cancer research to study BRCA-associated pre-cancer and early cancerous lesions in order to develop new prevention, early detection, and interception approaches.

The funding will be for a period of 3 years with a budget of up to \$1 million/year. The Foundation plans to award multiple grants and is willing to consider multiple applications from the same institution.

ELIGIBILITY AND REVIEW CRITERIA

- Investigators must hold a medical or other doctoral degree and have a faculty appointment at an academic, medical, or research institution equivalent to an Assistant Professor, or higher.
- Applicants must be academic, medical, or research institutions anywhere in the world.
- For-profit enterprises are not eligible to apply but may be listed as Collaborators. However, no grant funds may be directed to collaborators working within a for-profit entity.
- Questions about eligibility should be sent to the Gray Foundation (grants@grayfoundation.org) prior to submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI).

REVIEW PROCESS

The Gray Foundation will review all LOIs submitted and will invite selected applicants to submit full proposals. Decisions on LOIs will be provided by the end of January 2026, and more details regarding full proposal submission and deadlines will be provided at that time. Invited full proposals will be reviewed by the Gray Foundation Scientific Committee, which will provide recommendations for funding.

The following criteria will be considered for each application (**see details in program guidelines**):

- Innovation
- Significance
- Approach
- Clinical/Translational Potential
- Investigators/Team/Environment

LOI SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Letters of Intent (LOI) are due by 12:00 pm (noon) United States Eastern Time on January 9, 2026.

Please submit proposals to: grants@grayfoundation.org. Confirmation of receipt will be emailed within 1 business day. Please contact us if you do not receive a confirmation.

A complete LOI must include:

- Investigator Information/Signature form (see below)
- Project Description Form (see below, 2 pages, 12pt font). Must include: title, lay summary, background and rationale, specific aims, research design and methods, innovation, team description
- References (1 page)
- NIH Biosketches

Each component is described in more detail below.

QUESTIONS?

Email: grants@grayfoundation.org

<i>Last (Family)</i>	<i>First (Given)</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>
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Title/Position: _____

Department:

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City	State	Zip Code
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Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Admin's Name:

Admin's E-mail:

Project Title:

Department Chair Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Two (2) pages maximum. Margins must be no less than 0.75 inches. Font size for body of the text must be 12 point, and no smaller than 8 point type for figures, legends, and tables. Single-spacing is acceptable. Please include the following sections:

- 1-Title
- 2-Lay summary (<300 words)
- 3-Background and rationale
- 4-Specific aims
- 5-Research design and methods
- 6-Innovation
- 7-Team description

REFERENCES

References cited in the proposal can be included on a separate page (one page).

NIH BIOSKETCH

Please include the NIH Biosketches for the PI and key team members.