

# The Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama Breast Cancer Research Funding Opportunity Request for Applications



The Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama (BCRFA) is accepting applications for breast cancer research projects within the state of Alabama. Projects may focus on any area of breast cancer research, which may include, but are not limited to: personalized medicine, prevention, early detection, drug discovery, immunotherapy, genomics and new breast cancer treatments. The award is intended to “seed” nascent breast cancer projects that will become competitive for extramural funding with the data generated as a result of receiving pilot funds.

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama is a local nonprofit organization raising funds and awareness for breast cancer research in Alabama. Since the organization was founded in 1996, the BCRFA has invested over \$7.7 million in breast cancer research initiatives in Alabama. Further information on the organization may be found at [BCRFA.org](http://BCRFA.org).

Award Details: The BCRFA will fund multiple projects (minimum award \$50,000) for a 12-month period beginning January 1, 2019.

Qualifications: The BCRFA pilot grant program in breast cancer research is open to all faculty and clinicians in Alabama conducting innovative breast cancer research. Funding from the BCRFA only may be used to support breast cancer research in Alabama. Applicants/organizations may submit more than one application, provided that each application is scientifically distinct.

## Key Dates

**Opportunity Posting Date:** October 15, 2018

**Application Deadline:** December 1, 2018 by 5:00 PM.

Applications may be forwarded by email to [BCRFA@uab.edu](mailto:BCRFA@uab.edu) or mailed to the address below:

BCRFA Research Funding Application  
PO Box 531225  
Birmingham, AL 35253

**Application Review and Selection:** December 2018

**Notification of Award:** January 2019

## Application Requirements

**Page Limitations:** The complete application packet components (not including biographical sketches or references) should be no more than four pages.

### Application components:

- A descriptive title of the research project and contact information of the researcher(s)
- Brief abstract of the proposed research area and project; please include brief summary in layman’s terms
- Budget for the project and anticipated utilization of BCRFA funding. Award funds may be used for items such as researchers’ time dedicated to the project, supplies and core facility fees, etc. The BCRFA will not support indirect costs.
- Bio Sketches with emphasis on the Qualifications of Principal Investigators on the project

## **Application Review Information**

A medical review team and BCRFA leadership will evaluate applications for scientific and technical merit and rate the projects based on:

- Overall impact and likelihood of the project to exert a sustained, powerful impact on breast cancer research
- Significance of project in the field of breast cancer research
- Experience and suitability of researchers for the project
- Research Innovation
- Approach for conducting research project
- Scientific environment
- Relevance to Award priorities

## **Award Notices**

The BCRFA will provide formal notification of the Award to the successful applicants via email. Selection of an application for Award is not an authorization to begin performance. Any costs incurred before receipt of Award notification are not allowable expenses under the Award.

## **Reporting**

Awardees will be required to present a Research Project Report at the end of the funding period.

## **Agency Contact**

We encourage inquiries concerning this funding opportunity and welcome the opportunity to answer questions from potential applicants.

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