

Grants

The VHLA's Competitive Research Grant program awards two types of Grants: Pilot Grants (\$25,000 for one year), designed to help researchers prepare the basic modelling required to then pursue larger grants; and Research Grants (\$150,000 over three years), designed to obtain sufficient data to apply for $government\ funded\ resources.\ Previous\ grants\ have\ contributed\ to\ our\ understanding\ of\ how\ the\ VHL$ gene contributes to the tumorigenesis including how to overcome the body signaling and response to what it perceives as a hypoxic (low oxygen) environment.

Applications will be made by invitation only, based on investigator-submitted letters of intent. The letter of intent should not exceed one page in length and should include:

- ${\bf 1}. \ The \ name \ of \ the \ principal \ investigator \ and \ a \ brief \ description \ of \ the \ investigator's \ qualifications$ to undertake the project. The principal investigator should have faculty status or equivalent.
- 2. The type of award should be indicated -Research Project or Pilot Project
- 3. A brief description of the project to be proposed, emphasizing the relevance to VHL disease. The description should include a brief background, hypothesis, specific aims, and description of the significance of the proposed research for the field of VHL research, and/or the impact on the care of VHL patients. Investigators describing projects without clear relevance will not be invited to submit an application.

Questions and LOI's should be emailed to research@vhl.org.

2023 Research Grant Dates and Deadlines:

August 18, 2023: Grant Invitation Emailed October 6, 2023: Letter of Intent Deadline January 12, 2024: Application Deadline

February 16, 2024: Grant Application Review Session

March 8, 2024: Grantee Announcement & Earliest Project Start Date

Past Recipients of VHLA's Competitive Research Grants

- 2023
Dr. Samra Turajlic, Francis Crick Institute (UK)
Dr. Mei Yee Koh, University of Utah (US)
Dr. Reut Halperin, ENTIRE Research Center (Israel)
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