CRI Lloyd J. Old STAR Program

Apply to become a Lloyd J. Old STAR

Application Deadlines

January 15

INVITED INTERVIEW

Spring (TBD)

(If a deadline falls on the weekend, applications are due the following Monday.)

The CRI Lloyd J. Old STAR Program—Scientists TAlking Risks—provides long-term funding to mid-career scientists, giving them the freedom and flexibility to pursue high-risk, high-reward research at the forefront of discovery and innovation in cancer immunotherapy.

Rooted in CRI’s exceptional track record of identifying and supporting people who have had a major impact in immunotherapy, these grants are not tied to a specific research project, but rather support outstanding researchers based on the quality and promise of their overall work. The Lloyd J. Old STAR program provides up to $1.25 million over a five-year period to tenure-track assistant professors (minimum 3 years) and associate professors (maximum 3 years).

Overview

Named for CRI’s founding scientific and medical director, whose vision and expertise guided CRI’s programs for forty years, earning him the title “Father of
transformational research. Because the funds are not restricted to a particular project, the award allows the recipients to follow new and promising lines of investigation, which often lead to unanticipated scientific breakthroughs. This long-term funding provides a degree of flexibility and freedom to explore outside-the-box and disruptive avenues of research.

The profile of a recipient investigator would be a scientist who takes risks with the expectation of high rewards, even in the face of potential failure. They will use their expertise, scientific acumen, and visionary curiosity to ask important, significant, and often non-obvious immunological questions. They will be the rare researcher who connects disparate pieces of discoveries, often from multiple disciplines, to develop
The deadline for the receipt of applications is January 15. Candidates will be notified in early March whether they have been invited for an interview. Interviews will be conducted virtually with members of CRI's Scientific Advisory Council leadership. It is the policy of CRI that all reviewers are required to adhere to ethical guidelines that mandate strict confidentiality concerning all aspects of any letters of intent ("LOIs"), grant applications, and research proposals submitted.

Eligibility

Instructions for Applying

Supporting Materials

After you have filled out all required fields on the online form, you will be asked to upload the following five (5) items as individual PDF documents.

- Abstract: A 300-word overview of the research questions, goals, and approaches of your lab. The content should be written in non-technical English.

- Research summary: A summary (not to exceed 4 pages) of your ongoing and planned research, highlighting your past work and plans for the next 5 years.

- List five (5) publications of note: Five peer-reviewed papers that cover your most important scientific contributions. For each publication, provide a citation followed by a 300-word or less summary of the publication's significance. Do not
• List your current research support.

Notes:

• Only PDF documents will be accepted. All files must be submitted individually on the attachments page of the online application.

• When you have finished uploading the attachments, click “Submit.” You will receive a notice confirming that you have successfully submitted your Application Form. Immediately after, an automated notification from CRI will be sent to your email address, also confirming submission. If you encounter problems uploading your attachments, email them to grants@cancerresearch.org. Be sure to note the

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