MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Conquer Cancer, the ASCO Foundation, is proud to honor the 2020 Grants & Awards class. Their remarkable ideas will accelerate discoveries to help patients survive and thrive.

As we honor today’s recipients, we do so united as a community of conquerors: generous donors fueling global research; the brightest minds uncovering new treatments; hopeful patients enrolling in clinical studies, even in the midst of healing.

Together, we’re creating a world free from the fear of cancer. We are conquering cancer now!

Congratulations to Conquer Cancer’s 2020 grants and awards recipients. We celebrate your passion and innovation, knowing your role in our community is vital to advancing care for every cancer, every patient, everywhere.

Best regards,

Thomas G. Roberts, Jr., MD, FASCO  
Chair, Conquer Cancer
# Conquer Cancer

## Grants & Awards

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## WHO WE ARE

Decades ago, a cancer diagnosis would have left you hopeless, but advances in treatments and cures mean more people are conquering cancer now than ever before.

In 1964, when chemotherapy was just emerging as a treatment, seven oncologists created the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). They believed connecting everyone dedicated to conquering cancer could help bring the breakthroughs patient need.

Today, ASCO is a global network of nearly 45,000 doctors, researchers, and patient advocates. Conquer Cancer raises funds to support scientists who are uncovering new breakthroughs across all cancers, launching clinical trials, and outsmarting the disease for patients in need of lifesaving therapies.

When you donate to Conquer Cancer, you fuel the breakthroughs needed by every patient, everywhere.

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## OUR MISSION

Conquering cancer worldwide by funding breakthrough research and sharing cutting-edge knowledge

## OUR VISION

A world free from the fear of cancer

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**YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD (YIA)**

First awarded in 1984, the YIA provides research funding to promising young physicians during the final years of training to support the transition to a faculty appointment and to encourage quality research in clinical oncology.

**Florida Society of Clinical Oncology**

Zaid H. Abdel Rahman, MD

Mayo Clinic, Florida

- "Evaluating the Impact of Philadelphia-like Genetic Signature on Transplant Outcomes in Adults with B-Lymphoblastic Leukemia/ Lymphoma and Identification of Novel Fusion Partners"
  
  **Mentored by:** James Foran, MD and Patricia Greipp, DO

**Breast Cancer Research Foundation**

Danita L. Abravanel, MD, PhD

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

- "Understanding Estrogen Receptor Loss as a Mechanism of Resistance in Metastatic Breast Cancer"
  
  **Mentored by:** Nikhil Wagle, MD (2012 YIA)

**The Hearst Foundation**

Jithma Prasad Abeykoon, MD

Mayo Clinic, Minnesota

- "Discovering novel therapeutic strategies and predictive/prognostic markers in non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL)"
  
  **Mentored by:** Thomas Witzig, MD

**Texas Society of Clinical Oncology**

Alexander Y. Andreev-Drakhlin, MD

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

- "Characterizing and targeting the tumor immune microenvironment in FGFR3-mutated bladder cancer."
  
  **Mentored by:** Arlene Siefker-Radtke, MD and Jianjun Gao, MD, PhD (2012 YIA)

**Merck & Co., Inc. Young Investigator Award**

Daniel V. Araujo, MD (2017 IDEA)

- "Modulating the Intestinal Microbiome with Microbial Ecosystem Therapeutics (MET4) in Advanced Solid Tumor Patients receiving immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICI) – MET4-IQ"
  
  **Mentored by:** Anna Spreafico, MD, PhD (2014 YIA) and Bryan Coburn, MD, PhD

**NOVARTIS ONCOLOGY ENDOVED YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD IN HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Ash B. Alpert, MD, MFA

University of Rochester, Wilmot Cancer Institute

- "Cancer Prevalence in Incarcerated Transgender & Gender Diverse Populations & Tools for Future Data Collection"
  
  **Mentored by:** Carla Casulo, MD and Gwendolyn Quinn, PhD

**Novartis Oncology**

Sanjay Goel, MD, MS

- "Modulating the Intestinal Microbiome with Microbial Ecosystem Therapeutics (MET4) in Advanced Solid Tumor Patients receiving immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICI) – MET4-IQ"
  
  **Mentored by:** Carla Casulo, MD and Gwendolyn Quinn, PhD

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**Merck & Co., Inc. Young Investigator Award**

**Novartis Oncology**
Endowed Young Investigator Award in memory of Sally Gordon

Edmond M. Chan, MD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
“Advancing WRN as a synthetic lethal target for microsatellite unstable cancers”
Mentored by: Adam Bass, MD (2008 YIA)

Debra Lesavoy Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

Katharine A. Collier, MD, MS
The Ohio State University
“Changes in circulating tumor DNA after treatment with PARP inhibitors or platinum-containing chemotherapy in BRCA-mutated metastatic breast cancer”
Mentored by: Amir Mortazavi, MD and Daniel Stover, MD

AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award

Susan E. De Wolf, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
“Innate and adaptive immunity in patients with stages II-III lung adenocarcinomas”
Mentored by: Carl Landgren, MD, PhD and Martin Tallman, MD

Benjamin T. Diamond, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
“Deciphering the impact of Melphalan on Secondary Malignancy in Multiple Myeloma”
Mentored by: Carl Landgren, MD, PhD and Francesco Maura, MD

Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Young Investigator Award in honor of Susan Hirschhorn and in memory of her mother

Joshua Z. Dragon, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
“Developing rational biomarkers for next generation antibody-drug conjugates in breast cancer”
Mentored by: Sarat Chandralapaty, MD, Ph.D (2007 YIA) and Shanu Modi, MD (2009 ACRA)

Jane C. Wright, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award
Shekiah N. C. Emore, MD, MPH (2014 MSR)
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
“Determining the Prevalence of Triple Negative Breast Cancer and Clinical Outcomes for Women with HIV and Breast Cancer in Zimbabwe”
Mentored by: Jennifer Bellon, MD and Lowell Schnipper, MD

Anna Braglia Endowed Young Investigator Award in Cancer Supportive Care, supported by HELSINN

Lawson Eng, MD, FRCP
University Health Network
“Acute care use and outcomes of immune-related adverse events (irAEs) during immunotherapy”
Mentored by: Geoffrey Liu, MD, MSc (2000 YIA) and Monika Krzyzanowska, MD, MPH (2003 YIA)

Judith Salmon Kaur, MD, Young Investigator Award

Harry E. Fuentes, MD, MS
Mayo Clinic, Minnesota
“The effect of rivaroxaban on thrombin generation and platelet aggregation in patients with Essential Thrombocythemia”
Mentored by: Minhal Patnaik, MBBS, MD Dylan Graetz, MD, MPH

Dylan Graetz, MD, MPH
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Inc.
“Parent-physician communication and medical decision-making for children with cancer in Guatemala”
Mentored by: Carlos Rodriguez-Galindo, MD and Jennifer Mack, MD (2007 CDA, 2005 YIA)

Norman Rales
Young Investigator Award

Arjun Gupta, MD
Johns Hopkins University
“A Phase 2 Randomized Placebo Controlled Trial of Pregabalin For Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer Associated Pain”
Mentored by: Daniel Laheru, MD (2000 YIA)

Frist Family Endowed Young Investigator Award in honor of Howard A. Bunn, III, MD

Walter G. Hanel, MD, PhD
The Ohio State University
“The Targeting Hypermethylated in Mantle Cell Lymphoma”
Mentored by: Lapo Alinari, MD, PhD (2016 YIA) and Robert Balocchi, MD, PhD

Åke Bertil Eriksson Endowed Young Investigator Award

Jason T. Henry, MD
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
“Validation of biomarkers of autophagic flux in patients with RAS mutant tumors in response to MAPKi in colorectal cancer”
Mentored by: Scott Kopetz, MD, PhD (2008 CDA)

The Sontag Foundation Young Investigator Award

J. Bryan Iorgulescu, MD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
“Dissecting the Immunogenomics of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Response and Resistance in Glioblastomas”
Mentored by: Catherine Wu, MD and David Reardon, MD

Ruth Rales Young Investigator Award

Christopher Dennis Jakubowski, MD
Johns Hopkins University
“Characterizing Molecular Profiles of Disease Bulk in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer to Define EGFR Precision Strategies”
Mentored by: Dustin Deming, MD (2011 YIA)

Xingzhe Dillon Li, MD, MPH
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
“Probing dynamic changes in DNA damage and innate immune responses of normal tissue and the tumor microenvironment following proton FLASH radiation”
Mentored by: Samuel Bakhoum, MD, PhD

Boehringer Ingelheim Endowed Young Investigator Award in Lung Cancer

Jia Luo, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
“Augmenting the response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy with TNF-a inhibition in patients with stages II-III lung adenocarcinomas”
Mentored by: Mark Kris, MD

AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award

Abhishek Maiti, MBBS
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
“Anti-PD1 Immune Therapy for Myeloid Leukemia”
Mentored by: Tapan Kadia, MD
Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Young Investigator Award
Poorni M. Manohar, MD
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
"Real-world practice patterns in diagnosis and treatment of metastatic breast cancer in Washington State"  
Mentored by: Hannah Linden, MD and Joshua Roth, MD

Genentech BioOncology® Young Investigator Award
Christopher R. Manz, MD
University of Pennsylvania
"Determining the effect of Medicare's Oncology Care Model on patient access and disparities in access to new cancer therapies"  
Mentored by: Justin Bekelman, MD

AACR – Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award
Deborah C. Marshall, MD, MAS
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
"Cervical cancer prevention among women who conquer cancer"  
Mentored by: Barry Rosenstein, PhD and Christa C. Beck, MD

AACR – Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award for Translational Cancer Research
Dimitrios Mathios, MD
Johns Hopkins University
"Cell-free DNA analyses for early detection of brain tumors"  
Mentored by: Victor Velculescu, MD, PhD

Merck & Co., Inc. Young Investigator Award
Kristina M. Day Young Investigator Award
Yonia R. Murciano-Goroff, MSc, DPhil, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
"Combined RAS and SHP2 inhibition in advanced KRAS G12C mutant tumors"  
Mentored by: Bob Li, MD, MPH (2015 YIA) and Piro Lito, MD, PhD (2013 YIA)

Merck & Co., Inc. Young Investigator Award
Oriana Millioudis, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
"Microbiome evolution in neuroblastoma patients undergoing cancer therapy"  
Mentored by: Marcel van den Brink, MD, PhD

Endowed Young Investigator Award in Geriatric Oncology in honor of Dr. Ant Hunkers
Christina A. Minami, MD, MS
Brigham and Women's Hospital
"Evaluation of a Low-Value Care Practice in Older Breast Cancer Patients with Early-Stage Disease: Physician-Level Variation in Ancillary Evaluation"  
Mentored by: Elizabeth Mittendorf, MD, PhD and Zara Cooper, MD

GO Foundation for Lung Cancer Young Investigator Award
Everett J. Moding, MD, PhD
Stanford University
"Identification of chemoresponse mediators in non-small cell lung cancer via circulating tumor DNA analysis"  
Mentored by: Maximilian Diehn, MD, PhD

Fundable Young Investigator Award††
Erica C. Nakajima, MD
Johns Hopkins University
Mentored by: Patrick Forde, MMBS

Fundable Young Investigator Award††
Abdul Rafeh Naqash, MD
National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI)
"Evaluating the Immune Landscape and the Potential Role of ASPCRT-TFE3 Fusions in Eliciting Response to Atezolizumab in Advanced Alveolar Soft Part Sarcoma"  
Mentored by: Alice Chen, MD and Naoko Takebe, MD, PhD

AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award
Tone C. Nauseef, MD, PhD
Well Medical College of Cornell University
"A phase II trial using genomic preselection to identify castration-resistant prostate cancer patients who may benefit from cabozantinib"  
Mentored by: David Nans, MD (1988 YIA) and Olivier Elemento, PhD

AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award
Mary T. Nawah, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
"Interleukin-6 Inhibition to Alleviate Symptom Burden After Allo-HSCT in Multiple Myeloma and Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma"  
Mentored by: Sergio Giralt, MD

AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award
Karlo Perica, MD, PhD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
"Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Relapse After Allogeneic Transplant in Multiple Myeloma and Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma"  
Mentored by: Sergio Giralt, MD

AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award
Sunil Rangarajan, MD
University of Alabama at Birmingham
"Heparanase and renal damage in myeloma"  
Mentored by: Elizabeth Brown, PhD, MPH and Ralph Sanderson, PhD

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Endowed Young Investigator Award in memory of John R. Durant, MD
Biagio Ricciuti, MD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
"Impact of DNA damage repair (DDR) gene mutations on efficacy of PD-(L)1 immune checkpoint inhibition in non-small cell lung cancer" Mentored by: Mark Awad, MD, PhD
(2017 CDA, 2015 YIA)

Harry F. Bisel, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award
Daniel R. Richardson, MD, MA
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
"Patient Preferences for Treatment Outcomes in Older Patients with Acute Myeloid Leukemia" Mentored by: John Bridges, PhD

Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award
April Rose, MD, PhD
University Health Network
"Optimizing targeted therapy strategies for cancers with BRAF nonV600E mutations" Mentored by: Anna Sprechafco, MD, PhD (2014 YIA) and David Cescon, MD, (2014 YIA)

State Affiliate Council/Clinical Practice Committee Young Investigator Award
Ezra Rosen, MD, PhD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
"Determinants of response to selective RET inhibition in RET-altered solid cancers" Mentored by: David Hyman, MD

Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Young Investigator Award
Mariya Rozenblit, MD
Yale University
"Using single nucleotide variants of high functional importance to predict the risk of developing breast cancer in young women with high risk family history" Mentored by: Lajos Puzaatli, MD, PhD
(2008 ACRA)

Michael Schieber, MD, PhD
Northwestern University
"Mechanisms of transformation and therapy resistance in myelodysplastic syndrome and acute myeloid leukemia" Mentored by: John Crispino, PhD Ramy Sedhom, MD

Ramy Sedhom, MD
Johns Hopkins University
"Oncologist Peer Comparisons to Reduce Short Hospice Length of Service" Mentored by: Michael Carducci, MD
(1995 YIA)

Association of Northern California Oncologists Young Investigator Award
Michael A. Spinner, MD
Stanford University
"A phase 2 trial of magrolimab (anti-CD47 antibody) and pembrolizumab in patients with relapsed or refractory classic Hodgkin lymphoma" Mentored by: Ranjana Advani, MD

Fred J. Ansfield, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award
Maximillian Stahl, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
"Nano-liposomal delivery of C6-Ceramide as a novel apoptosis-promoting therapeutic strategy in acute myeloid leukemia (AML): A phase I study" Mentored by: Martin Tallman, MD

Bristol-Myers Squibb Young Investigator Award
Lisa J. Sudmeier, MD, PhD
Emory University
"Promoting Tumor-Specific CD8+ T Cell Responses in the Brain" Mentored by: Mohammad Khan, MD, PhD and Rafi Ahmed, PhD

Women Leaders in Oncology Young Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award
Mallory R. Taylor, MD
Seattle Children’s Hospital dba Seattle Children’s Research Institute
"Biobehavioral Model of Stress and Resilience in Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer" Mentored by: Abby Rosenberg, MD, MS
(2012 YIA) and Kevin Baker, MD, MS

Alok Tewari, MD, PhD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
"Targeting Activated Signaling by ERK Inhibition in Acute Myeloid Leukemia" Mentored by: Coleman Lindsay, MD, PhD and Richard Stone, MD

James Torchia, MD, PhD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
"Development of a PD-1 bispecific that enhances antitumor immunity and alleviates autoimmunity" Mentored by: Gordon Freeman, PhD
Supported by: ASCO

Eliezer van Allen, MD
Mentored by:

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Endowed Young Investigator Award
Bharat Burman, MD, PhD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
"Modulation of oncolytic viruses to enhance anti-tumor immunity" Mentored by: Dmitry Zamarin, MD, PhD (2013 YIA) and Jedd Wolchok, MD, PhD, FASCO

Supported by: ASCO

Arnoldus oudsmit, MD, endowed young investigator award
William Shomali, MD
Stanford University
"Phase 2 Study of Ruxolitinib in Idiopathic Hypereosinophilic Syndrome and Primary Eosinophilic Neoplasms" Mentored by: Jason Gotlib, MD

Supported by: ASCO

Herman H. Freckman, MD, endowed young investigator award
James Torchia, MD, PhD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
"Development of a PD-1 bispecific that enhances antitumor immunity and alleviates autoimmunity" Mentored by: Gordon Freeman, PhD
Supported by: ASCO

William Wilson, MD, endowed young investigator award
Hind Rafei, MD
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
"Modulating immunometabolism to improve the activity of CAR-NK cells targeting GD2 on Renal Cell Carcinoma" Mentored by: Katy Rezvani, MD, PhD and Nizar Tannir, MD, FACP
Supported by: FASCO

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Sherwin Family Young Investigator Award
Timothy J. Voorhees, MD
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
*Prospective Pilot Study Analyzing the Immunomodulatory Effect of Anti-PD-1 Therapy in Relapsed/Refractory Hodgkin Lymphoma*
Mentored by: Anne Beaven, MD and Jonathan Serody, MD

Adam J. Widman, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
“Ultra-sensitive detection of melanoma circulating tumor DNA through deep-learning empowered whole genome sequencing”
Mentored by: Dan Landau, MD, PhD

Bristol-Myers Squibb Young Investigator Award
Jeffrey L. Wong, MD, PhD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
“CD40 agonism for the treatment of bladder cancer”
Mentored by: Jeffrey Ravetch, MD, PhD and Jonathan Rosenberg, MD

The John and Elizabeth Leonard Family Foundation Young Investigator Award
Wenxin (Vincent) Xu, MD
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
“Clinical characterization of Kidney Injury Molecule-1 (KIM-1) as a biomarker in renal cell carcinoma”
Mentored by: David McDermott, MD and Rupal Bhatt, MD, PhD (2010 CDA, 2006 YIA)

Jonathan Nebel Young Investigator Award
supported by Howard A. Burris, III, MD and Karen Y. Burris
Jimmy L. Zhao, MD, PhD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
“Investigating lineage plasticity as a mechanism of resistance to anti-androgen therapy in prostate cancer”
Mentored by: Charles Sawyers, MD

Endowed Young Investigator Award in memory of Sally Gordon
Zhen Ni Zhou, MD, PhD
Weill Cornell Medical College
“IRE1alpha-XBP1 signaling as a mechanism of resistance to immunotherapy in ovarian cancer”
Mentored by: Juan Cubillos-Ruz, PhD

Lilly Young Investigator Award
Mojun Zhu, MD
Mayo Clinic, Minnesota
“The role of T cell-mediated tumor cell killing in predicting response to immune checkpoint inhibitors in PD-L1 positive gastric cancer”
Mentored by: Haidong Dong, MD, PhD and Wen Wee Ma, MBBS (2007 YIA)

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GLOBAL ONCOLOGY YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD (GO YIA)

First awarded in 2018, the GO YIA provides research funding to early-career investigators to encourage and promote quality research in global oncology and to develop the next generation of researchers to address global health needs.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Global Oncology Young Investigator Award: Implementation Science to Address Oncology Care in LMICs
Rebecca J. DeBoer, MD, MA
University of California, San Francisco
"Implementation and Adaptation of Evidence-Based Communication Skills Training for Oncology Providers at Butaro Hospital in Rwanda"
Mentored by: Katherine Van Loon, MD, MPH (2012 YIA)

Bristol-Myers Squibb Global Oncology Young Investigator Award: Implementation Science to Address Oncology Care in LMICs
Bishal Gyawali, MD, PhD (N/A)
Queen’s University
"Precision Groundshot: Developing a context-specific and needs-based curriculum to train Primary Care Physicians in Low-and-Middle Income Countries (LMICs)"
Mentored by: Scott Berry, MD

Raymond Mailhot Vega, MD, MPH (2012 MSR)
University of Florida
"Assessing pediatric radiotherapy services and capacity in Mexico"
Mentored by: Daniel Indelicato, MD

Haydee Verduzco-Aguirre, MD
Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Medicas y Nutricion Salvador Zubiran
"Barriers and facilitators for the implementation of geriatric oncology in Mexico: a mixed methods study"

Horia Vulpe, MD, CM
Columbia University Medical Center
"A Multi-Institutional Study of Barriers to Cancer Care in Sub-Saharan Africa"
Mentored by: Aled Neugut, MD, PhD (2011 ICCG)

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD (CDA)

Started in 1992, the CDA provides three years of research funding to clinical investigators in the first to third year of faculty appointment to establish an independent clinical cancer research program.

Genentech BioOncology™ Women Who Conquer Cancer Career Development Award
Elizabeth Swisher, MD
University of Washington
"Genomic Signatures of Homologous Recombination Deficiency (HRD) in Neoplastic Tissue and Circulating DNA in Ovarian Cancer"
Mentored by: Katherine Van Loon, MD, MPH (2012 YIA)

Genentech BioOncology™ Career Development Award
Kalyan Banda, MBBS (2017 YIA)
University of Washington
"Genomic Signatures of Homologous Recombination DNA Repair Deficiency (HRD) in Neoplastic Tissue and Circulating Tumor (ct) DNA in Ovarian Cancer"
Mentored by: Elizabeth Swisher, MD

AstraZeneca Career Development Award
Michael L. Cheng, MD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
"Plasma genotyping-based response assessment to guide adaptive treatment of advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) receiving immunotherapy"
Mentored by: Geoffrey Oxnard, MD (2012 CDA, 2010 YIA)

Conquer Cancer-Israel Cancer Research Fund Career Development Award
Albert Grinshpun, MD, MSc
Hadassah - Hebrew University Medical Center
"Universal Detection of Breast Cancer"
Mentored by: Yuval Dor, PhD

Women Who Conquer Cancer Career Development Award
Amanda R. Kirane, MD
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center
"Biomarker analysis of neoadjuvant intralesional therapy in high risk primary melanoma"
Mentored by: Robert Canter, MD

Genentech BioOncology™ Career Development Award
Xiuning Le, MD, PhD (2016 YIA)
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
"Plasma genotyping-based response assessment to guide adaptive treatment of advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) receiving immunotherapy"
Mentored by: Geoffrey Oxnard, MD (2012 CDA, 2010 YIA)

AstraZeneca Career Development Award
Michael V. Ortiz, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
"Understanding the impact of anti-VEGF therapy on resistance mechanisms and immune modulation in EGFR-mutant NSCLC"  
Mentored by: John Heymach, MD, PhD (2004 CDA, 2003 YIA)

Women Who Conquer Cancer Career Development Award
Amanda R. Kirane, MD
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center
"Biomarker analysis of neoadjuvant intralesional therapy in high risk primary melanoma"
Mentored by: Robert Canter, MD

Genentech BioOncology™ Career Development Award
Yuval Dor, PhD
Hadassah - Hebrew University Medical Center
"Universal Detection of Breast Cancer"
Mentored by: Yuval Dor, PhD

AstraZeneca Career Development Award
Michael V. Ortiz, MD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
"Understanding the impact of anti-VEGF therapy on resistance mechanisms and immune modulation in EGFR-mutant NSCLC"
Mentored by: John Heymach, MD, PhD (2004 CDA, 2003 YIA)

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Laura A. Petrillo, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital
"Improving Patient and Caregiver Understanding of Risks and Benefits of Immunotherapy for Lung Cancer or Melanoma"
Mentored by: Jennifer Temel, MD (2005 CDA)

Patrick G. Pilié, MD
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
"Targeting the Replication Stress Response to Induce Anti-Cancer Immunity in Advanced Solid Malignancies"
Mentored by: Timothy Thompson, PhD and Timothy Yap, MBBS, PhD

David S. Shulman, MD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
"Evaluation of circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) as a biomarker to inform novel treatment strategies for patients with Ewing sarcoma and osteosarcoma"
Mentored by: Steven DuBois, MD (2007 YIA)

MIN YUEN TEO, MD, MRCP
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
"Neoadjuvant Immune Checkpoint Blockade in Muscle-invasive Bladder Cancer: A Platform for Evaluation of Resistance Mechanisms and Response Biomarkers"
Mentored by: Jonathan Rosenberg, MD

1992-2020
298 CDA Recipients
35% are Past YIA Recipients
More than $55 Million CDA Research Funding

ADVANCED CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD (ACRA)

Started in 2004, the ACRA supports physician-scientists in the fourth to ninth year of faculty appointment to perform original research in an area not currently funded.

Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Advanced Clinical Research Award in Breast Cancer
David W. Cescon, MD, PhD (2014 YIA)
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
"A liquid biopsy-guided umbrella trial for CDK4/6 inhibitor-resistant ER+ breast cancer"

RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP (RP)

Started in 2009, the RPs provide flexible funding to outstanding researchers who have made and are continuing to make significant contributions that have changed the direction of cancer research and who provide mentorship to junior researchers. Conquer Cancer has awarded RPs in the areas of comparative effectiveness, drug development, and translational research, with this year focused on breast cancer disparities.

Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Research Professorship in Breast Cancer Disparities
Jeffrey N. Weitzel, MD
City of Hope
"Multimodal approach to address disparities in access to genomic cancer risk assessment, screening and precision prevention among underserved women in the Americas"

GATEWAY DISCOVERY GRANT IN IMMUNOTHERAPY RESEARCH

The Gateway Discovery Grant in Immunotherapy Research is the inaugural grant under the Gateway Discovery Grant Program, a collaboration between Gateway for Cancer Research and Conquer Cancer as the scientific partner. This grant supports innovative early phase clinical trials with great potential to advance breakthrough cancer research. Gateway for Cancer Research is the grantor and provider of funding for this grant.

David C. Linehan, MD
University of Rochester Medical Center/Wilmot Cancer Institute
"A Phase 1b/2 Trial of Immunotherapy With Nivolumab and Pepinemab Combined With First Line FOLFIRINOX For Treating Patients With Unresectable Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma"
**WOMEN WHO CONQUER CANCER (WWCC) MENTORSHIP AWARDS**

Launched in 2016, this award program recognizes extraordinary female leaders in oncology and role models who have excelled as mentors and have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the professional development of women colleagues as clinicians, educators, and researchers in oncology. The awards seek to recognize and promote the work of women mentors in oncology and, ultimately, narrow career gender disparities through the mentorship and professional development of women oncology professionals.

**Hologic, Inc Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Mentorship Award**

Dawn Hershman, MD, MS, FASCO, is a professor of medicine and epidemiology and leader of the Breast Cancer Program at Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center, Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Hershman is a nationally recognized expert in breast cancer treatment, prevention, and survivorship. Her research focuses on improving cancer care delivery, reducing disparities, and improving the quality of life and quality of care of breast cancer survivors.

**SUPPORTED BY:**

**International Women Who Conquer Cancer Mentorship Award**

Lilian L. Siu, MD, FRCP, FASCO, is a senior medical oncologist and clinician scientist in the Cancer Clinical Research Unit at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and a professor of medicine at the University of Toronto, Canada. Dr. Siu's primary research focus is in the area of new anticancer drug development, particularly phase I trials and head and neck malignancies.

**SUPPORTED BY:**

**RESIDENT TRAVEL AWARD FOR UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATIONS (RTA)**

First awarded in 2009, the RTA provides travel grants for residents from underrepresented populations in medicine to attend the ASCO Annual Meeting, where they will have an opportunity to meet oncologists and explore career possibilities in their areas of specialty.

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Since 2009, the MSR has supported clinical or clinical research oncology rotations for U.S. medical students from populations underrepresented in medicine who are interested in pursuing oncology as a career.

2020 RECIPIENTS

The following students are being awarded the 2020 MSR and will attend the 2021 ASCO Annual Meeting.

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**2019 RECIPIENTS**

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Conquer Cancer is proud to support ASCO International by providing training and support for young investigators in low- and middle-income countries through the IDEA and LIFe programs, by having its research grants open to the entire global community, and by supporting ASCO’s International growth with programs like the International Innovation Grant.

**LONG-TERM INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (LIFe)**

First awarded in 2010, the LIFe is a one-year fellowship opportunity for early-career oncologists from developing countries to deepen their relationship with an existing mentor in the United States, Canada, or Europe.

Fidel Rubagumya, MD

*From Theory to Practice: Implementing the Choosing Wisely Africa Recommendations*

**Home Institution:** Rwanda Military Hospital

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As of 2020, 20 early-career oncologists from 15 low- and middle-income countries have received training through LIFe.

The ASCO Virtual Mentoring Program is a yearlong program designed to support oncologists with unmet mentoring needs. It pairs oncologists with a mentor outside of their institution through virtual technology. This program is designed to support the individual learning, growth, and professional development of each mentee. Applications for the 2021 cycle will open in late 2020.

For more information about the Virtual Mentoring Program and eligibility, visit [ASCO.ORG](https://www.asco.org)

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Since 2002, the IDEA has provided support for early-career oncologists in developing countries and facilitates the sharing of knowledge between these oncologists and ASCO members who serve as scientific mentors to each recipient.

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$1.7
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Since 2014, the IIG provides funding in support of novel and innovative projects with the potential to advance cancer control in low- and middle-income countries.

**Center of Study of State and Society (Argentina)**
"Designing a counseling app to reduce the psycho-social impact of HPV-testing: a User-Centered Design Approach (Phase 1)"
Principal Investigator: Silvina Arrossi, PhD

**College of Medicine, University of Lagos (Nigeria)**
"Impact of mobile technologies on cervical cancer screening practices in Lagos, Nigeria: A randomised controlled trial ‘mHealth-Cervix’"
Principal Investigator: Kehinde Sharafadeen Okunade, MBBS

**Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición "Salvador Zubirán" (Mexico)**
"Multidimensional assessment of the financial burden of cancer among older Mexican adults and their families, a mixed methods study"
Principal Investigator: Sofia Sánchez-Román, PhD

**Instituto de Human Virology (Nigeria)**
"Feasibility and acceptability of an m-health intervention to improve Breast Cancer Early Detection and Reduce Delays to Diagnosis in Nigeria (BRIDGE)"
Principal Investigator: Elima Enaji Jedy-Agba, MBBS, PhD

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Ines Pires Da Silva, MD PhD
Melanoma Institute Australia
"Ipilimumab (IPI) alone or in combination with anti-PD-1 (IPI+PD1) in patients (pts) with metastatic melanoma (MM) resistant to PD1 monotherapy"
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"Changes in cancer mortality rates after the adoption of the Affordable Care Act"

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Vikram Jairam, MD
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“Temporal trends in opioid prescribing patterns among oncologists in the Medicare population”

Brigid Leventhal Special Merit Award
This award is given to the fellow who submitted the top abstract in Pediatric Oncology as determined by the Scientific Program Committee.
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“Outcome in patients with refractory high-risk neuroblastoma”
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