



Geri Fournier Ovarian Cancer Research Grant Application

MIOCA Geri Fournier Ovarian Cancer Research Grant Application Information

The Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIOCA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2011 and strives to save lives by promoting earlier detection of ovarian cancer and improved treatment outcomes. In addition to community outreach and education, MIOCA provides advocacy, resources, and support throughout the state. In accordance with its mission, MIOCA is committed to collaborating with ovarian cancer researchers by using part of its funds to support research here in Michigan.

MIOCA Geri Fournier Ovarian Cancer Research Grant Eligibility:

Research proposals may be individual projects or part of a larger research project related to ovarian, peritoneal, or fallopian tube cancers. Awards will be granted only to projects conducted in the state of Michigan by Michigan-based researchers. Project funding is available for up to two years of activity.

All research proposals will be considered; however, special consideration will be given to:

1. Proposals which may lead to early detection, better treatment, quality of care or a cure for ovarian cancer
2. Projects that may benefit individuals currently living with ovarian cancer
3. Projects that will result in the development of preliminary data which will enable the investigator to compete for larger national grants
4. Projects that might not otherwise be funded through other sources
5. Projects that focus on innovative and creative approaches

Individual grant proposals can be submitted for up to \$50,000.

MIOCA Geri Fournier Ovarian Cancer Research Grant Selection

Proposed projects will be evaluated by a committee of experts. Committee recommendations will be reviewed and voted on by the MIOCA Board of Directors.

Timeline

1. Deadline for submission: All proposals must be postmarked or electronically received by September 18, 2026.
2. MIOCA will notify research grant applicants of awards in December/January.

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1. Abstract of proposed research, including rationale, significance, and a brief overview of the research methods.
2. Summary (one paragraph) which describes an overview of the project and the significance of the proposed research to the patient population.
3. Research proposal, including rationale of the study, significance of research, hypotheses and aims, and an overview of the research design and methods, as well as the principal and co-investigators. It is not necessary to include an explanation of why ovarian cancer is worthy of being studied or basic statistics on ovarian cancer.
4. The research proposal is not to exceed 6 pages. Additional supporting information may be provided in addenda, if deemed essential.
5. Budget detailing direct cost expenditures. No miscellaneous costs shall be included in the budget. All costs must be itemized (e.g. number of items at cost per item). MIOCA funds cannot be used for indirect costs, principal and co-investigator salary replacement or travel expenses. Direct salary costs for laboratory support personnel are allowed.
6. Information about principal investigator (PI) and co-investigators, including:
 - Biographical statement of career goals of PI (one page)
 - Contact information of PI, including direct phone number and email address
 - Curriculum vitae of PI and co-investigators, including education, honors, professional experience, publications, grants
 - Any conflict of interest that the PI may have that could possibly influence the research outcomes
7. Letter of recommendation from the relevant person overseeing the institution, department or laboratory where the research will be conducted (i.e., department chair).
8. If the proposal is from a partnership of institutions, one institution must be identified as the lead institution, and the proposal should be submitted by that institution. The lead institution will receive the total grant award from MIOCA and may distribute the funds as outlined and described in the proposal and budget. The lead organization will be responsible for all aspects of the grant including the project deliverables, reporting, and financials.
9. If Institutional Review Board approval is required for the study, indicate if approval is pending or obtained.
10. Project timeline detailing the expected chronological progress of research goals over a two year timeframe.
11. Review of similar studies, including similar studies (underway or pending) which might influence subject accrual.

Grants are awarded based on the submitted proposals. No changes may be made to proposals funded by MIOCA. If partial funding is awarded, the recipient should apply the monies toward the submitted proposal. All research proposals will be handled confidentially by MIOCA.

Electronic proposals should be submitted to info@mioca.org and must be received by September 18, 2026. Questions should also be addressed to info@mioca.org.