

ERA OF HOPE SCHOLAR AWARD

A lifetime opportunity for gifted, early-career scientists to make extraordinary contributions in the fight against breast cancer

The Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP) is once again offering the Era of Hope Scholar Award to identify individuals with high potential for innovation in breast cancer research early in their careers. Candidates should be exceptionally talented, early-career scientists who have demonstrated that they are the best and brightest in their field(s) through extraordinary creativity, vision, and productivity. They also should exhibit strong potential for leadership in the breast cancer research community that supports a vision for the eradication of breast cancer. These individuals should challenge current dogma and demonstrate an ability to look beyond tradition and convention. Award recipients will be expected to successfully challenge the status quo through creative, high-risk research that may lead ultimately to the eradication of breast cancer.

The Era of Hope Scholar Awards will provide sufficient funding for these emerging innovators to implement their vision and assume leadership roles in the breast cancer research community. The award provides a maximum of \$2.5 million in direct costs plus indirect costs, as appropriate, for up to a 5-year performance period.

Applicants must be nominated to be considered for this award; self-nominations will be accepted. Selected nominees whose qualifications meet the award's intent will be invited to prepare a complete proposal. The Era of Hope Scholar Award recognizes the talents and accomplishments of highly qualified individuals; therefore the complete proposal must focus on the candidate's emerging record of creative and original accomplishments and potential for leadership in the field. Experience in breast cancer research is not a requirement; however, the proposal must focus on breast cancer and the applicant must commit a minimum of 50% effort during the award period to breast cancer research.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 5, 2005

This document is a synopsis of details specific to the fiscal year 2005 (FY05) BCRP Era of Hope Scholar Award. A detailed description of each FY05 BCRP mechanism with specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines is available in the FY05 BCRP Program Announcements.