

ERA OF HOPE POSTDOCTORAL AWARD

An innovative research training opportunity that prepares future leaders to eradicate breast cancer.

The **Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP)** is offering the Era of Hope Postdoctoral Award to identify and fund exceptionally talented recent doctoral graduates who possess both the ambition and the ability to pursue highly innovative breast cancer research during their postdoctoral training. The intent of this award is to encourage the development of promising, early-career researchers into leaders in their field(s) through creativity, risk-taking, vision, and productivity. The proposed research should challenge current scientific dogma and demonstrate an ability to look beyond tradition and convention. Award recipients will be expected to challenge the status quo through creative, high-risk, and potentially high-gain research that ultimately may lead to the eradication of breast cancer. Candidates for this award should exhibit a strong desire to pursue a career in breast cancer research.

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 proposal must focus on the candidate's qualifications and potential for success, as well as the quality and innovative nature of the planned research project. The proposal also must address the mentor's experience and commitment to support the candidate, as well as the innovative aspects of the training environment and how the training plan will prepare the candidate for a career in breast cancer research. It is not a requirement of this award mechanism that the applicant have experience in breast cancer research; however, the proposal must focus on breast cancer.

Funding for this award can be requested for up to \$90,000 per year for direct costs. The performance period may be requested for up to 3 years; the maximum funding for a 3-year performance period is \$270,000 in direct costs. In addition, indirect costs should be added, as appropriate.

Pre-applications/nominations are due by May 9, 2007
Proposals are due by August 9, 2007

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<http://www.grants.gov>



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