

# ERA OF HOPE SCHOLAR AWARD

A unique 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 should also 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 challenge the status quo successfully through creative, high-risk research that may lead ultimately to the eradication of breast cancer.

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 over the performance period. The performance period can be requested for up to 5 years. Indirect costs should be added as appropriate.

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 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 performance period to breast cancer research.

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

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**<http://www.grants.gov>**

For more information about the BCRP, please go to <http://cdmrp.army.mil/>.

