



Program Announcement (PA)

2021 MSTs/Sarcoma Strong Foundation Research Funding Announcements (RFA's) Research Grant and Mentored Research Award

I. Key Dates

- RFA Release Date: November 3, 2021
- Letter of Intent: November 29, 2021 (Preferred but not mandatory)
- Application Deadline: January 31, 2022 (pdf file to info@msts.org)
- Peer Review: January-March 2022
- Funding Decision: April 1, 2022
- Start Date: May 1, 2022
- End Date: April 30, 2023 (No Cost Extension is possible until April 30, 2024)
- Final Reporting: Due within 6 months of completion of research. It is expected that awardees will submit abstracts of their findings to the MSTs Annual or Specialty Day meetings.

II. Program Description

Thanks to the remarkable efforts of Dr. Matthew DiCaprio, the Sarcoma Strong Foundation will support the MSTs to provide \$50,000 for one-year sarcoma **Research Grants**, and \$25,000 for one-year **Mentored Research Awards** in the laboratory of an established sarcoma scientist. The MSTs and the Sarcoma Strong Foundation recognize the urgent need to provide MSTs members with opportunities to perform *translational sarcoma research* by exploring such subjects as sarcoma immune therapy, oncogenic signaling, novel therapies, genomic sequencing, circulating cancer cells, precision medicine, and other contemporary subjects. Descriptive research on data collection or comparative studies will be of lesser priority.

III. Eligibility

Research Grant (\$50,000)-The Principal Investigator (PI) must be an MSTs member at an institution with appropriate research infrastructure. Recipients of prior MSTs grants or major NIH, DOD, NSF, or equivalent funding are not eligible.

Mentored Research Award (\$25,000)-Applicants should be at least MSTs Candidate Members within their first 6 years of faculty appointment. Mentors need not be MSTs members but should have an independent sarcoma research program and mentoring experience. Applicants should articulate concrete plans for the development of grant-writing skills and should state how the Mentored Research Award will generate preliminary data for future applications.

IV. Grant Application Format and Page-Limits (Arial font Size 11; 0.5 inch Margins)

- Cover Page (SF 424 R&R form; <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/r-r-family.html>)
- NIH-format 5 page Biosketches for the PI and other Key Personnel (Samples and Forms are available @ <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>)
- 1 Page Specific Aims Page
- Up to 6 Page Research Plan including Figures (Significance, Innovation, Approach including Preliminary Data)
- Detailed Budget
- Literature Cited; IRB and/or IACUC approval; letters of support; other forms (Not included in the Page Limit. If indicated, approval will be required before funds are dispersed).

V. Review Criteria & Peer Review

NIH Review Format: Overall Impact (Significance; Innovation; Investigators; Approach; Environment). The proposal will be reviewed by MSTs Research Committee members and Dr. Matthew DiCaprio. Established MSTs investigators will be recruited on an *ad hoc* basis. Eligible Research Committee members may apply but will not be involved with peer review.

VI. Inquiries

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