



Research Support Announcement

2023 Sarcoma Strong Mentored Research Award

Request For Applications (RFA)



I. Key Dates

- RFA Release Date: December 21, 2022
- Application Deadline: February 1, 2023 (pdf file to info@msts.org)
- Peer Review: February-March 2023
- Funding Announcements: March 11, 2022 (MSTS Specialty Day)
- Start Date: April 1, 2023
- End Date: April 30, 2024 (No Cost Extension is possible until April 30, 2025)
- 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

The MSTS and the Sarcoma Strong Foundation are enthusiastic about nurturing a culture of discovery and fostering mentorship for candidate, associate, and young members of our society. The Mission of Sarcoma Strong is "...to generate funds to sponsor research that may improve the ability to diagnose and treatment sarcoma". To this end, MSTS and Sarcoma Strong have establishment a Mentored Research Award. The purpose of the new program award is to foster mentorship, to enhance collaborative research, and to facilitate career advancement for young MSTS Candidate/Associate/Full Members.

III. Eligibility

- MSTS Candidate Members, Associate Members, and Members of the MSTS within 10 Years of first faculty appointment.
- Applicants with specific plans to submit external research grants within 2 years of the award date.
- Mentors need not be MSTS members but are encouraged to pursue appropriate member status.

IV. Ineligibility

- Receipt of OREF Grants larger than \$50,000, Institutional K12, or NIH R21/K08/R01 Grants.

V. Grant Application Format and Page-Limits (Arial font Size 11; 0.5 inch Margin Top, Bottom, Right, Left)

- Cover Page (SF 424 R&R form; <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/r-r-family.html>)
- NIH-format 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)
- Literature Cited; IRB and/or IACUC approval; letters of support; other forms (Not included in the Page Limit)
- IACUC/IRB: If indicated, approval will be required before funds are dispersed.
- 1-page mentoring plan describing the research environment and the applicant's interaction and direction by the mentor. Applications that lack a mentoring plan will not be considered.**

VI. Review Criteria & Peer Review

NIH Review Format: Overall Impact (Significance; Innovation; Investigators; Approach; Environment; Fitness to the mission of Sarcoma Strong as articulated above). 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.

VII. Inquiries

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