



# Research Support Announcement

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## 2023 MSTs/Sarcoma Strong Foundation Request For Applications (RFA)

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### I. Key Dates

- RFA Release Date: December 21, 2022
- Application Deadline: February 1, 2023 (pdf file to [info@msts.org](mailto: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 Sarcoma Strong Foundation will support the MSTS to provide \$50,000 one-year grants for impactful sarcoma research. The Mission of Sarcoma Strong is "...to generate funds to sponsor research that may improve the ability to diagnose and treatment sarcoma". The MSTS and the Sarcoma Strong recognize the urgent need to provide MSTS members with opportunities to perform *highly mechanistic, translational sarcoma research* by exploring such subjects as sarcoma immune therapy, oncogenic signaling, novel targeted therapies, genomic sequencing, circulating cancer cells, precision medicine, and other contemporary research concepts. Descriptive research on data collection or comparative studies will be of lesser priority.

### III. Eligibility

The Principal Investigator (PI) must be an MSTS member at an institution with appropriate research infrastructure. Recipients of prior MSTS Grants or simultaneous major NIH, DOD, NSF, or equivalent funding will not be eligible.

### IV. 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.

### V. 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.

### VI. Inquiries

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