



Massachusetts Society of Clinical Oncologists

MSCO Cancer Survivorship Research Grant

Fellows and Early Career Clinicians

The Massachusetts Society of Clinical Oncology (MSCO) is pleased to announce that, as part of our efforts to support the growth and future of the oncology profession, we will be providing a grant for an early career oncology professional from Massachusetts to conduct a research project focusing on cancer survivorship, as well as cover the expenses associated with attending the ASCO Annual Meeting in 2025.

Project Objectives

Research areas may include (but are not limited to) enhancing access to and delivery of high-quality cancer survivorship care in Massachusetts, as well as enhancing the quality of life for cancer survivors (defined as those living with and beyond a diagnosis of cancer) residing in the state.

Criteria

Grants will be evaluated according to the following criteria: the project's potential influence on clinical care and/or the quality of life of cancer survivors in the state of Massachusetts; the innovation and significance of the proposed research; and the dedication of the PI and mentor to cancer survivorship.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet one of the following requirements: a) They must be enrolled in an ACGME-approved training program in Massachusetts, specializing in the provision of care exclusively or predominantly for cancer survivors; or b) They must have been practicing clinical medicine in an academic or private practice for five years or less, primarily serving cancer survivors in Massachusetts.

General information

- Applications will be reviewed by the MSCO Board of Directors.
- The grant is intended to provide financial support that can be utilized for compensation and/or other aspects of the project including the provision of travel assistance (registration, travel, lodging, meals) to attend the ASCO Annual Meeting.
- The award will not exceed \$50,000 in total for a period of two years. Further details are provided below.

Funding

Recipients will be awarded a grant of up to \$50,000 to cover both direct and indirect costs. Indirect costs are not to exceed 15% of the total grant amount. Accepted projects are expected



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to last for a duration of two years. The grant funds for these projects will be distributed in two installments, subject to the fulfillment of the expectation delineated below.

The first installment will be issued upon project approval during the MSCO 2024 annual meeting, and the second installment will be distributed following year one project completion and progress report presented at the MSCO 2025 annual meeting.

Expectations

The grant recipient is expected to:

- Attend the inaugural award ceremony at the MSCO 2024 annual meeting and provide a brief presentation about the project's purpose and goals.
- Funding for the second year of the project will be contingent on the progress report provided at the MSCO 2025 annual meeting.
- Present the project's final results at the MSCO 2026 annual meeting at the end of the funding period.
- At the end of the grant period, the grantee will be required to submit a final budget to the grant committee.

Application

Submissions should be sent to msco@mms.org.

1. A current curriculum vitae (CV).
2. A personal statement (one page) outlining professional goals.
3. Proposal (5 pages) including the following:
 - a. Project summary (500 words or less)
 - b. Goals: State the specific project aims/goals, providing a list of up to five specific goals of the proposed project.
 - c. Plan: A project plan that encompasses the background, a research plan (including methods and barriers), and a discussion of the impact of the project
 - d. Expected deliverables: Answering the question of what specific results or changes the project aims to achieve.
 - e. Budget and justification: Every budget item needs to be supported with a clear justification. If necessary, indirect costs should be taken into account.
4. Letter(s) of recommendation (optional).

Key Dates

- Application deadline is August 31, 2024.
- Applications will be reviewed, and awards granted by MSCO.
- Awardees will be informed no later than November 1, 2024.
- Grant award ceremony, including a project outline presentation, will be held at the MSCO annual meeting on December 13, 2024.
- Grant term is November 2024-October 2026.