

The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research -- Endeavor Award

Website: <https://themarkfoundation.org/endeavor/>

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Required Internal Application Materials:

Upload the documents to the Google Form by the internal deadline.

<https://forms.gle/bZ42bUzR7FfQ7TFCA>

- A current biosketch (5-page maximum) that includes the following: A personal statement of up to 500 words that justifies your selection as the nominee, Education, Positions, Other experience, Honors/Awards, Publications, Current Funding, and Pending Grants.
- Summary of proposed research and its significance (2-page maximum), including a team description and a Collaborative Science Statement (Why is this project a team science project). References are optional and do not count toward page limits.

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline:

2025-06-20

Sponsor LOI Application Deadline:

2025-09-03

Eligibility:

- Institutional Eligibility:
 - Open to non-profit academic/research institutions.
 - Open to institutions worldwide.
 - There is no requirement to include a US-based institution as part of the team.
 - Teams may comprise investigators from a single institution or multiple institutions. The PI's institution will be considered the host institution.
 - Institutions are limited to one submission as host institution.
- Investigator Eligibility:
 - There are no restrictions on citizenship or geography.
 - Applicants must have an independent faculty appointment (tenure-track or equivalent) at a non-profit academic institution.
 - Investigators may be co-PI or collaborator on more than one proposal but may only serve as Principal Investigator on one proposal.
 - Investigators who are currently a co-PI on an Endeavor team are permitted to apply as co-PI or collaborator on a new application.
 - Project Eligibility:
 - Basic, translational, and clinical projects are eligible.
 - The project must seek to address an overarching, urgent scientific question.
 - Sub-projects should be designed to elucidate various aspects of the overarching question, theme, or focus.

- The output of the individual team members (data, samples, hypotheses, compounds, etc.) must be integrated and/or shared in a way that makes the impact of the project as a whole larger than the sum of its parts.
- Proposed projects must not be supported by other sources of funding. Finalists will be asked to discuss any potential overlap with other current or pending awards.
- Team Composition:
 - Teams must be composed of one PI, and between 2-8 co-PIs (see “Team Roles” section for definitions).
 - Inter-institutional collaborations are permitted and encouraged.
 - Teams are encouraged to consider diversity in terms of discipline, seniority, gender, race, ethnicity, and any other parameters that will enhance the team’s ability to approach challenging problems from fresh perspectives.
 - The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or any other legally protected characteristics.

Questions? Contact Tom Scrace at tscrace@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.