

Sponsor/Title: Breast Cancer Alliance -- 2027 Young Investigator Grants (YIG) and Exceptional Project Grants (XP)

Website: <https://breastcanceralliance.org/researchgrants>

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1) Letter of Intent for either the 2027 Young Investigator Grants (YIG) or Exceptional Project Grants (XP) opportunity.

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

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

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-02-23

Sponsor Letter of Intent Deadline: 2026-03-31

Mission: The Breast Cancer Alliance is to improve survival rates and quality of life for those impacted by breast cancer through better prevention, early detection, treatment and cure. To promote these goals, we invest in innovative research, breast surgery fellowships, regional education, dignified support and screening for the underserved.

1. **Young Investigator Grants (YIG):** This grant is intended to help advance the careers of young researchers who do not yet have their own major grant support but who design and conduct their own independent research projects. Areas of relevant research may include but are not limited to: diagnosis, etiology, immunology, genetics and epigenetics, therapies, prevention and clinical studies.

Eligibility: The research project must be directly related to the field of breast cancer. Applicants for the 2027 award must:

- Must not have held a tenure track faculty or tenure track research position for more than four years following completion of their training, as of March 1, 2027.
 - Must not have been or are not a principal investigator on an NIH R01 or equivalent national/international non-mentored award as of March 1, 2027.
 - Must dedicate at least 50% of their work effort to research.
 - Must be at an institution located in the contiguous United States.
 - Must not be a for-profit institution.
2. **Exceptional Project Grants (XP):** The Breast Cancer Alliance invites clinical doctors and research scientists who are in the early stages of their careers, including post docs, whose current proposal is focused on breast cancer, to apply for funding for the Exceptional Project Grant. This award recognizes creative, unique, and innovative research related to breast cancer.

Eligibility:

- Must be at an institution in the contiguous United States.
- Must not be a for-profit institution.

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/7pEDbVcYKSbEvp827> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- Specify which opportunity you are applying for:
 - Young Investigator Grants (YIG)
 - Exceptional Project Grants (XP)
- In one (1) PDF, include the following:
 - Your one (1) page LOI with the project title and hypothesis, an outline of the research aim(s) and methods, and a discussion of the project's potential impact.
 - Your CV in the current NIH biosketch format.

Questions: Contact Tom Scrace, Ph.D., Director of Foundation Relations, 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.