



Raising awareness of ovarian cancer, one tea at a time.

*2018 Shari Widmayer Memorial Research Grant
Request for Proposals (RFP)
Research Grant Award*

Intent

The Teal Tea Foundation's mission is to help raise ovarian cancer awareness and to support research efforts focused on early detection, treatments, and a cure for ovarian cancer. We are dedicated to helping all women with their quality of life and long term recovery. In support of this mission, the Foundation is seeking proposals that address research focused on ovarian cancer.

Areas of Need

Research proposals for funding will be considered in the following areas:

- (1) Early detection of Ovarian Cancer including precursor cell studies
- (2) Genetic testing studies and subsequent preventative methodologies
- (3) Treatment of Ovarian Cancer, including epithelial ovarian cancers and less common ovarian histopathologies
- (4) Early detection, genetic testing and/or treatments especially for women of Ashkenzai Jewish heritage, and/or women at increased hereditary risk

Teal Tea Foundation is interested in proposals that are individual projects or part of a larger project related to ovarian cancer. Proposals for clinical trials must be original investigational studies related to ovarian cancer in which the grantee is the primary investigator (PI) or co-PI.

Eligibility

- Only grants for research in the United States will be considered
- Preference will be given to research based in New Jersey-New York-Pennsylvania
- For proposals related to clinical trials all necessary internal and institutional review board approvals and protocols for human trials must be in place prior to the grant award

Application Process:

All proposals must be submitted electronically via email. Please do not send CDs or hard copies. Email and proposal attachment should be sent to: grants@tealtea.org.

Proposals must include the following elements in this order with page limitations:

- (1) Title of project
- (2) A technical abstract (limited to 250 words) which specifies the rationale of the study, its aims, a brief overview of the research design and methods
- (3) A lay abstract (limited to 250 words)
- (4) A proposal narrative (not to exceed 6 pages), including:
 - Background
 - Hypothesis
 - Study objectives
 - Study methods
 - Intended impact
- (5) Project timeline
- (6) Personal bio of grant applicant (NCI biosketch format not to exceed 4 pages)
- (7) The name that should appear on the grant award check, as well as the email, mailing address, and phone number of the contact person for where the grant award should be sent
- (8) Full contact information for the researcher performing the study, including email, mailing address and phone number
- (9) The required permission statement and signature line as specified and letter of support from the research institution

All proposals must include the following statement and dated signature line:

The proposal submitter hereby gives the Teal Tea Foundation permission to use his/her name in any Teal Tea 2018 event publicity and announcements, should he/she be awarded a grant as a result of this submission.

Signed by: _____ **Date:** _____

The Foundation reserves the right to eliminate proposals that do not comply with the guidelines and/or which do not meet the submission requirements as specified above.

Submission Date:

Full proposals are due by midnight, **Friday, April 18, 2018**. Teal Tea Foundation will notify the awardee by **April 26, 2018**. We request that the Awardee attend the Teal Tea Foundation’s annual Teal Tea event, on **May 6, 2018 for the formal announcement and presentation of the grant award**.

Awardee Requirements:

Teal Tea Foundation expects the awardee to fill a table of 10 seats for the presentation event on May 6, 2018. Admission for the awardee and his/her guest is complimentary and is included in the total number of seats. All other guests should reserve tickets online at www.tealtea.org.

Additional Awardee Requirements:

By accepting a grant from the Teal Tea Foundation, the awardee agrees to:

- Submit a final report (three page limitation) to Teal Tea Foundation upon project completion
- Attend a Teal Tea event to share project results as his/her schedule permits
- Acknowledge the support of Teal Tea Foundation in publications/posters/presentations/interviews related to the research supported by Teal Tea Foundation

Selection Process:

The Teal Tea Foundation will evaluate all proposals submitted based on the following criteria. Each criteria can earn up to 25 points. Teal Tea will allocate a grant award of \$10,000 or more as our budget may allow.

1. **Project Value** – The proposal has a clear research plan and objectives that clearly supports one of the areas of need
2. **Impact** – The proposal, if successful, will make a significant contribution to women who are at high risk of ovarian cancer or who have been diagnosed with ovarian cancer
3. **Technical Merit** – The research employs strong methodology in achieving its intended mission
4. **Individuality** – The research embraces a unique approach and/or makes a contribution to a specific area of need that has been under-represented in ovarian cancer research

2018 Shari Widmayer Memorial Grant

Shari Widmayer was of Ashkenazi Jewish heritage and was not aware of her high risk for ovarian cancer. She successfully battled the cancer and was in remission several years before the reoccurrence that took her life in 2014. As past president of the Teal Tea Foundation, she left a lasting impact on all who knew and worked with her. We share a common mission through the Foundation, to change outcomes for women with ovarian cancer and those at risk. The 2018 Shari Widmayer Memorial Grant is the first year for this research award. Shari was married to her wonderful husband, Don, and shared two beautiful teen-age daughters, Lillie and Hannah.



Thank you for submitting your proposal to the Teal Tea Foundation and for your commitment to ovarian cancer research.