



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

*2020 Shari Widmayer Memorial Research Grant
Request for Proposals (RFP) for
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 and for which a grant will be awarded for \$10,000 or more as our budget will allow.

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
- (5) Any feasible and reasonable research study focusing on treatment, a cure, or early detection

The 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

Applicants should be from a higher education institution, non-profit other than a higher education institution, or private industry with experience conducting ovarian cancer research. Preference will be given to applicants who hold a Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent, who have published peer-reviewed research on the study of ovarian cancer and can

demonstrate an established research focus that explores the treatment of ovarian cancer. Special interest will be given to research conducted in NJ, NY and PA. Research proposals are limited to the United States and clinical trials research should have internal review board approval or show progress towards approval at time of the proposal.

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 back ground, hypothesis, study objectives, study methods, and 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 event publicity and announcements, should he/she be awarded a grant as a result of this submission.

Signed by: _____ **Date:** _____

The Teal Tea 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, **September 4, 2020**. The Teal Tea Foundation will notify the awardee by **September 30, 2020**.

Additional Awardee Requirements:

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

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

2020 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 a past president of The Teal Tea Foundation, she left a lasting impact on all who knew and worked with her. The Teal Tea Foundation shares a common mission through the Foundation, which is to change outcomes for women with ovarian cancer and those at risk. The 2020 Shari Widmayer Memorial Grant is the second year for this research award. Shari was married to her husband, Don, and they shared together two teenage daughters, Lillie and Hannah.



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