FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Are applications limited to United States (U.S.) citizens?

A: Recipients of IRG pilot project grants are not required to be United States (U.S.) citizens. However, any applicant for IRG pilot project funding who is not a U.S. citizen must hold a visa that will allow him or her to remain in the U.S. long enough to complete the IRG pilot project. Proof of visa is required with application.

Q: Do I have to be a Karmanos Cancer Institute member to apply for ACS-IRG pilot project?

A: No.

Q: I am an assistant professor, and my initial nationally peer reviewed research grant was Not renewed. Can I apply to my institution for an IRG?

A: Yes. Individuals whose initial grant was not renewed and who are still at the level of assistant professor may apply for an individual IRG—provided they are within the first six years of their independent faculty (or equivalent) appointment and have not received funds from the IRG before.

Q: What about personnel grants that are primarily intended for the junior investigator's salary, such as the NIH K series?

A: As long as the applicant meets all other criteria, holders of personnel awards are eligible to receive pilot project money from the IRG.

Q: I have a small grant from the local Division of the American Cancer Society, or a small foundation grant. Am I eligible for an individual IRG award?

A: As long as the grant is not the result of a national peer-reviewed competition and is for support of a different project, you may still apply for an IRG award.

Q: I am an assistant professor with an R01 award, but want to initiate a project in a totally different area. May I apply for an individual IRG Award?

A: No. The IRG is intended for new investigators without an active (i.e., NIH, NSF, ACS) national competitive research grant, no matter what the topic.
Q: Is an individual eligible for more than one (1) pilot project grant?

A: An individual grantee may receive a second year of funding for the same pilot project only. The award is contingent upon the local IRG committee’s review and approval of a progress report. An individual may NOT receive a second grant to initiate a different pilot project.

Q: Who will review my proposal?

A: The ACS-IRG grant review committee consists of Wayne State University faculty and ACS representative(s). Each proposal is assigned to approximately 2-3 reviewers who are familiar with the area of research being proposed.

**IMPORTANT**: Each proposal is reviewed by a biostatistics reviewer. Prior to your submission, you are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Judy Abrams (abramsj@karmanos.org), Dr. Lance Heilbrun (heilbrun@karmanos.org), Dr. Wei Chen (chenw@karmanos.org), Dr. Greg Dyson (dysong@karmanos.org) or Dr. Seongho Kim (kimse@karmanos.org) of the Karmanos Biostatistics Core (http://www.karmanos.org/Biostats) who have expertise in statistical science to ensure scientific rigor in study design, statistical analysis, and interpretation of cancer research.