# American Cancer Society-Institutional Research Grant (IRG) Funding Opportunity

## Description of Program

Applications are being solicited for support by the American Cancer Society-Institutional Research Grant (IRG). These funds are designed to provide seed money to support **junior faculty members** with an interest in cancer research who **do not have external grant support**. The ACS defines junior faculty as investigators at the rank of assistant professor or equivalent who are eligible to apply as a principal investigator for grant support from national agencies (e.g., NIH, ACS, NSF). New ACS guidelines allow IRG support to be renewed if the review committee feels that sufficient progress has been made toward the project goals. Eligible investigators must be within six (6) years of their first independent faculty appointment.

Funds are available to faculty from all schools at Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Individual allocations are limited to a maximum of $40,000. The earliest possible start date for this funding cycle will be December 1, 2026 – November 30, 2027.

**Deadline for applications is Monday, November 9th by 11:59 pm CST.**

## Application Form and Instructions

- Instructions
- Application form: PDF and Word
- Please submit a single PDF containing all documentation through the VICC Internal Funding Application Portal. A link to the VICC Pilot Project Application Portal can also be found in the blue square located on the VICC Funding Opportunities web page (https://www.vicc.org/research/funding-opportunities).

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