

### Overview and Opportunity Details:

**The Mark Foundation Endeavor Awards** support collaborative research projects that bring together investigators with diverse areas of expertise to tackle challenges in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer. These grants are awarded to teams of three or more investigators to generate and integrate data from diverse lines of research and transform those insights into advances for cancer patients that could not be achieved by individual efforts. A description of the teams granted Endeavor Awards in 2025 can be found [here](#).

Institutions are limited to one or two submissions as a host institution:

- The first submission from a given institution may address **any cancer type**.
- Institutions will be allowed a second submission as a host institution only for a translational or clinical stage project that primarily focuses on one of the following four cancer types: **upper GI, glioblastoma, triple-negative breast cancer, or pancreatic cancer**.

### Award Terms

- Endeavor Awards are \$3,000,000, disbursed over a 3-year term.
- The requested funding should be divided amongst team members in a manner proportional to the actual cost of the work carried out by each investigator for the project.
- The budget limit includes both direct and indirect costs, with indirect costs not to exceed 10% of the direct costs.
- The letter of agreement will include IP terms with a revenue-sharing component.

### Project Eligibility:

- Basic, translational, and clinical projects are eligible; the project must seek to address an overarching, urgent scientific question.
- The output of the individual team members (data, samples, hypotheses, compounds, etc.) must be integrated and/or shared in a way that makes the impact of the project as a whole larger than the sum of its parts.
- Proposed projects must not be supported by other sources of funding. Finalists will be asked to discuss any potential overlap with other current or pending awards.
- The foundation welcomes projects addressing substantial unmet needs in any type of cancer. The foundation particularly encourages teams with innovative ideas for therapeutic strategies for **upper GI, glioblastoma, triple-negative breast cancer, and pancreatic cancer** to consider applying in this round.

### Team Composition:

- Teams must be composed of one PI and 2-8 co-PIs.
- Inter-institutional collaborations are permitted and encouraged.
- Teams are encouraged to consider diversity in terms of discipline, seniority, gender, race, ethnicity, and any other parameters that will enhance the team's ability to approach challenging problems from fresh perspectives.

### Requirements and Submission Process for Internal Proposals

Internal applications must be submitted as a single, combined PDF at the following link, <https://emory.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1985945>, and must include:

- **Project Description and Team Description** – limit 3 pages, including figures and tables but excluding literature references
  - Principal Investigator – name, institution, title, contact info
  - Project Title
  - Project Summary/Abstract – limit 350 words
  - Specific aims

- Introduction, background, and description of unmet need
  - Research plan broken into aims, with each aim having:
    - Clear objective
    - Preliminary studies, if applicable
    - High-level description of the experimental approach
    - Milestones and timelines
  - Future directions – if the research plan is successful, what is the 5-10-year vision for expansion of the project?
  - List all co-Principal Investigators (co-PIs), and collaborators (name, institution, title, contact info, and 1 sentence describing their role in the project).
  - Literature cited (does not count against page limit)
- **Biosketches** (NIH or similar format preferred; limit 5 pages per investigator)
  - **Collaborative Science Statement** (limit 1 page)
    - Why is this project a team science project? Describe how the output of the individual investigators (data, samples, hypotheses, compounds, etc.) will be integrated and/or shared in a way that makes the impact of the project as a whole larger than the sum of its parts.
    - How will the team work together? Describe the plan for team structure, communications, and shared resources.
  - **Budget overview** – description of how funds will be allocated (limit 1 page)

**Deadlines / timeline:**

- **July 30, 2025 at 5 PM:** Internal application deadline (submitted at: <https://emory.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1985945>)
- **August 11, 2025:** Emory Selection Committee notifies nominees
- **September 3, 2025:** External LOI submission deadline for up to two Emory nominees
- **November 2025:** Finalist teams notified
- **January 2026:** Full applications due
- **March 2026:** Interviews for selected finalist teams
- **June 1, 2026:** Anticipated award start date

**Questions?** Please contact Duke Guthrie, Lead Director in the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations at [duke.guthrie@emory.edu](mailto:duke.guthrie@emory.edu).