



**Request for Applications
Early Detection, Screening, and Treatment for Anal and Oropharyngeal Cancers
Innovation Summit**

Applications Requested for Stand Up To Cancer – Farrah Fawcett Foundation Innovation Summit exploring early detection, screening, and treatment for HPV-related cancers of the anus and oropharynx

Goal: To develop game-changing technology for early detection, screening, and treatment of anal and oropharyngeal cancers

Applicants are invited to submit specific ideas around unmet needs and how they can be addressed in the early detection, screening, and treatment of anal and oropharyngeal cancers with state-of-the-art techniques which can be developed into a screening device and/or novel treatments. Ideas requiring academic refinement to approach the clinic within three years are encouraged.

Applications: A Letter of Interest (LOI) describing current research directions, ideas in alignment with the identified goal, capabilities, a list of recent publications, and information about present position, institution, and laboratory size and scope should be submitted. Current funding and a biosketch should be included, as well as any conflicts of interest. Applications may be submitted via ProposalCentral on or before Monday, November 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern.

Notification: Applications will be screened by a committee, and it is anticipated that 10-15 investigators will be invited to present at an Innovation Summit to be held in Pasadena, California, on Thursday, January 29, 2026, to give a short talk about their work and capabilities and break up into groups to determine if collaborative efforts can be planned. Following this meeting, a subset of the group will be selected to write proposals of no more than three pages and supply a budget for a two-to-three-year grant period. The review committee will recommend which proposals are acceptable for funding.