



Request for Letters of Intent
The Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research
Team Science Awards
2026-27

Purpose

The Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation (“Tina’s Wish”) is requesting Letters of Intent (LOI) for the Tina’s Wish Team Science awards for 2026-27. Tina’s Wish awards grants to researchers proposing new ideas and concepts specifically for the **early detection or interception of ovarian cancer**.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be working in a school of medicine or public health or a recognized non-profit scientific research facility in the United States.
2. Applicants must have attained the faculty position of Assistant Professor or higher (or equivalent). If at the Instructor level, independent lab leads are eligible; (if lab is embedded within a more senior/established lab, please apply for the [Rising Star Grant](#)).
3. Projects must be innovative and focused on early detection or interception of ovarian cancer. For this funding call, Interception refers to disruption of the oncogenic process during the precursor or precancer state. Research on primary prevention of cancer before the oncogenic process begins is not eligible.
4. Projects must exemplify/embody collaborative science: the collaboration between/among two or more researchers with different scientific expertise; the grantees can reside within the same institution or across institutions.
5. The research for which support is requested should not be currently funded.

Funding

1. Duration: two-years starting January 2026.
2. Total Funding available is \$500,000: this includes annual indirect costs not to exceed 10%. The annual maximum total cost available is \$250,000.
3. The second year of funding is contingent on adequate progress during the first year.
4. The Foundation anticipates awarding 8-10 Team Science Awards.
5. Up to 10% of total grant funds may be requested to be used towards significant equipment purchase. The full proposal phase will require a full proposal in NIH format. At that time, If a significant equipment purchase is being requested, this should be included as a line item in the budget, and the application should include clear justification about how this funding for equipment would be critical to the specific aims of the grant. Applicants may be asked to re-allocate these requested funds towards other grant expenses if the request for equipment funding is not felt to be adequately justified during grant review. Total Funding available is \$500,000

Selection Process

1. The Tina's Wish Scientific Advisory Board will review LOIs; additional reviewers may be used as needed.
2. Written critiques will not be provided to any applicants.
3. Shortlisted investigators will then be invited to submit full proposals.

Timeline

1. LOI application deadline: Monday, March 31st, 2025 at 12pm ET.
2. All applicants will be notified of the LOI outcome on or around May 5, 2025.
3. Full proposal submission deadline: Monday, June 30, 2025 at 12pm ET.
4. All applications will be notified of the Proposal outcome in early November 2025.
5. Start of Year 1 funding: January 2026.

Letter of Intent Instructions

1. **Contact Information – to be completed using the on-line submission form.**

Name of Institution	
City, State	
Type of Institution	Educational Institution, Not-for-Profit Research Center, Other (please describe)
Project Title	
PI Name & Position Title	Email/Phone
Co-PI Name & Position Title (if applicable)	Email/Phone
Institutional contact for grant administration	Email/Phone
Name of Individual(s) to be in communication regarding the status of the LOI (if not the PI above)	Email/Phone

2. Please send as **one (1) pdf** (submitted through the on-line form)
 - a. **Cover page** including:
 - i. Name of institution
 - ii. PI & Co-PI Name(s), Position/Title
 - iii. Title of Proposal
 - b. **Proposal Summary** is limited to 800 words, exclusive of cover page and NIH biosketch. Please include:
 - i. **Brief Proposed Research Plan:** briefly describe the background, hypothesis and approach for the proposed research.
 - ii. **Innovation:** briefly describe how the proposed research is innovative in the context of early detection or prevention of ovarian cancer.
 - iii. **Impact:** briefly describe how the proposed research will impact a critical problem or question in early detection or interception of ovarian cancer research.
 - iv. **Collaboration:** briefly describe how you will use collaborative science to advance your research initiative. Please note that projects implementing true

collaboration whether across institutions, functional areas of expertise and/or in other dimensions will be prioritized.

- c. **NIH biosketch** for the PI and co-PI (if applicable)
3. **LOI Submission:** All LOIs should be submitted via the online portal on or before **Monday, March 31st, 2025 12:00pm ET**. An email will confirm receipt of the LOI.
[CLICK HERE](#) to submit your application.
4. Those investigators invited to submit full proposals will be given submission instructions at that time. Full proposals can only be submitted by invitation. Tina's Wish will notify all applicants around May 5, 2025.
5. **Questions:** Please contact Kelly Cancelmo, grants@tinaswish.org.



About Tina's Wish

The Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research (Tina's Wish) is an ovarian cancer non-profit organization dedicated to funding groundbreaking scientific research for the early detection and prevention of ovarian cancer. At Tina's Wish, we believe that the most effective way to fight ovarian cancer is to diagnose it at its earliest, most curable stage or to prevent it from ever developing.

Tina's Wish was founded in 2008 in memory of the Honorable Tina Brozman, former chief judge of the SDNY Bankruptcy Court, who died two years after she was diagnosed – too late – with ovarian cancer. Tina was not angry that she had the disease, she was angry that she did not know sooner.

Since its inception, the Foundation has raised over \$29 million for its cause. Annually, Tina's Wish now funds \$2.4 million of scientific research for the early detection and prevention of ovarian cancer at 15 world class institutions.

We are accelerating the pace of progress towards saving women's lives. Together, we can make Tina Brozman's wish – to discover an effective early detection method for ovarian cancer – a reality.

For more information, visit our website at tinaswish.org

For examples of previously funded Team Science Grant research projects, please visit <https://tinaswish.org/2024-25-team-science-grantees/>