



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Cary Present, M.D. Young Investigator Award

The Medical Oncology Association of Southern California, Inc. (MOASC) is accepting applications for the 2026 Cary Present, MD Young Investigator Award.

MOASC is a California Non-Profit Mutual Benefit 501(c) 6 Corporation. Since its founding in 1990, the Medical Oncology Association of Southern California (MOASC) has been dedicated to improving cancer care in Southern California through strong advocacy, ongoing education, and providing essential resources.

MOASC supports more than 650 hematologists and oncologists working in both local communities and major academic centers such as Cedars-Sinai, City of Hope, Loma Linda University, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, and UC Southern California. MOASC remains focused on empowering oncology professionals through advocacy and education, standing as a trusted voice and vital resource for the cancer care community.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The proposed research project should be a new project intended to support clinical and translational oncology research. **Projects should account for the 1-year term of the grant and the funding allocation provided, and will be assessed on both academic merit and feasibility.** The funding decision will be made by the MOASC Board of Directors.

APPLICATION DATES

- Submission Deadline: Friday, December 5, 2025
- Decision Date: Friday, February 6, 2026
- Present at Annual Meeting: Saturday, March 21, 2026
- Start of Grant Term: Wednesday, July 1, 2026
- End of Grant Term: Wednesday, June 30, 2027

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Have an MD or DO degree with an intent to practice clinical oncology
- Have initiated or completed an ACGME-accredited fellowship program in hematology and/or oncology
- Be no more than 7 years beyond completion of fellowship training
- Practice at a Southern California institution for the full duration of the award (1 year)

APPLICATION DETAILS

The amount of funding available for this grant is \$25,000. One grant will be awarded. The duration allows for a 1-year term. The funding provided herein is intended to support clinical and translational work to advance the treatment approach for patients with cancer.

APPLICATION DETAILS (cont.)

The format of the cancer research grant request is as follows:

1. Cover Page to Include:
 - a. Project Title
 - b. Term of the Research Project
 - c. Type of Cancer
 - d. Contact information of Principal Investigator/Mentor

2. Please limit to *one page* and submit the following elements (each grant must have the following):
 - a. Grant Proposal - *One Page*:
 - i. Project Title
 - ii. Principal Investigator/Mentor
 - iii. Specific Aims
 1. Please provide 1-3 specific aims
 - iv. Background
 - v. Methods
 - Sample Size Justification/Power
 - vi. Anticipated Results
 - vii. Potential Pitfalls/Future Directions

3. Please limit to *one page* and submit the following elements:
 - a. Applicant Background - *One Page*:
 - i. Career Goals
 1. Describe the career you hope to pursue within hematology/oncology
 - ii. Statement of Need
 1. Describe how this funding award would help you in the context of existing grants

4. Include separately:
 - a. Investigator CV and Co-Investigator CV
 - b. Letter of support from Department Chair
 - c. Letter of support from Mentor

5. Please limit to *one page* the following elements:
 - a. One-page budget specifying funding of \$25,000
 - i. MOASC does not provide funding for facilities and administration (e.g., no indirect costs)

6. Please email the entire grant application as one PDF document to Nichole East at neast@moasc.org

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICANT DETAILS

If accepted, progress reports will be due to MOASC within 6 months of the end of the project period.