

OUR COMMITMENT TO CANCER RESEARCH



More than 1.8 million new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in the United States in 2020. Without the American Cancer Society's nearly 75 years of investments in research, patients wouldn't have as many effective treatment options and preventative tools. As the largest private not-for-profit, non-governmental funder of cancer research in the US, we've played a role in many of the major cancer research breakthroughs in the last century.

We can't stop now. We are committed to ensuring that live-saving research continues, and innovative ideas are not lost.

WHAT SETS THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY APART?

We fund research into all cancers.

Each grant application goes through our extensive, independent, and competitive scientific peer-review process to ensure we are funding the best ideas across the US.

We have no vested interest in any specific institution. We are able to fund the BEST science no matter where it is being done.

We focus on providing funds to early-career investigators to foster the next generation of cancer research.

An important part of our efforts has long been to better understand health disparities.

We have active grants at nearly 200 institutions— and we have reach into most institutions across the country.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RESEARCH BY THE NUMBERS

\$4.9B

invested in research since 1946

49 Nobel Prize winners funded by the American Cancer Society

WE ARE CURRENTLY SUPPORTING MORE THAN

650 grants at institutions across the country

65 full-time researchers on staff at the American Cancer Society

APPROXIMATELY

1/3 of all beginning cancer researchers are funded by the American Cancer Society

2/3 of all directors of National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers were once ACS grantees

32K+

grants since 1946

85% of researchers funded by the American Cancer Society stay in research

73% likelihood of receiving National Institutes of Health funding as a past grantee of the American Cancer Society

“The impact that the ACS grant has had on my career is beyond profound. In this era of extreme difficulty in obtaining federal funding, the ACS grant in the early part of my career made it possible to ask questions that not only were outside the box, but also ones that may have a giant impact on a wide swath of cancer patients. The ACS funding enabled me to do what I always dreamed of – namely asking big questions in the attempt at doing the most for our cancer patients. As a physician scientist, the funding has led to preclinical data that may actually drive the development of clinical trials tested in several different types of cancer patients. With traditional routes of funding, there is limited scope to ask questions that may lead to critical advances, with more of an emphasis on incremental advances. The ACS allows scientists to aim for the greatest benefits for cancer patients. The ACS Research Scholar Grant ultimately has jump started my career and permitted our work to reach and be accepted by a more mainstream audience. For that, we will be forever grateful to the ACS.”

– Puneeth Iyengar, MD, PhD, UT Southwestern Medical Center



Imagine the next idea that needs your support right now. Cancer patients can't afford for research to be placed on hold.

Failing to invest in research now means that we will have less knowledge on how to prevent and treat cancer, lost progress towards a cure, and ultimately, more deaths from cancer. Despite the current challenges, the American Cancer Society will continue to lead the way in funding and conducting essential and life-saving research. Will you join us in our ambitious effort?

Cancer Can't Wait

HELP US RAISE \$100M TO SAVE CANCER RESEARCH.

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