



## **Funding Opportunity: 2019 Lynn Sage Scholars Program Research Grant**

### **Summary**

The Lynn Sage Foundation is dedicated to funding innovative research to improve outcomes for all men and women diagnosed with breast cancer. The Foundation exclusively funds the Lynn Sage Scholars Program, which has invested \$1.6 Million in researchers at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University and Rush University Medical Center. The [Lynn Sage Scholars Program](#) provides talented, young researchers \$100,000 per year for a maximum of two years.

The Lynn Sage Foundation will fund multiple Scholars in 2019 and seeks eligible candidates. The Foundation is committed to supporting early-career leaders pursuing novel theories in the field of breast cancer. The Foundation is based in Chicago, so only applicants from the following institutions in Chicago will be considered:

- Loyola Medicine
- Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- Rush University Medical Center
- University of Chicago Medicine
- University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago Campus (UIC)

The Lynn Sage Scholars Program Research Grant is open to Chicago-based early-career scientists whose cancer research proposals have significant potential for determining breast cancer causes, preventing breast cancer or improving and saving the lives of patients with breast cancer.

Each institution may submit a Letter-of-Intent (“LOI”) for one candidate. A full Request For Application (“RFA”) will then be provided along with its due date. All submitted RFAs will be reviewed by The Lynn Sage Foundation Advisory Board and one member of The Lynn Sage Foundation Board of Directors.

### **Priority Areas**

Current priority for the Lynn Sage Scholars Program is understanding the potential causes of breast cancer and research to develop new preventative strategies. All eligible candidates investigating breast cancer will be considered, however preference will be given to candidates that focus on causation, epidemiology and prevention.

Letters of Intent may focus on any discipline within basic, translational, or clinical cancer research. Projects that are currently supported by NIH R01 grants or the equivalent will not be accepted. Our goal is to help doctors earlier in their career further innovative theories and become eligible for larger grants such as those provided by the National Institutes of Health.

### **Eligibility**

The Lynn Sage Scholars Research Grant is a unique opportunity for early-career scientists who have held faculty positions for no more than six years at the time of Full Application submission



and who have not received national funding as a principal investigator. Applicants must have a doctoral degree, including MD, PhD, DrPH, DO, or equivalent.

### **Funds Available**

The Lynn Sage Scholars Research Grant provides \$100,000 per year for up to two years in duration. The total award budget can be up to \$200,000 over two years. Funding is subject to a progress report review after year one for continuation of proposed research. A detailed budget will be required in the Full Application.

### **Key Dates**

Letter-of-Intent Due Date: Sep. 30, 2018  
Full Application Due Date: Oct. 31, 2018  
Scholar Notification: TBD

### **Letter-of-Intent (LOI) Submission Instructions**

Please submit a PDF file including:

1. Cover page with proposal title, applicant's name and contact information
2. LOI narrative briefly describing the research to be conducted (maximum 4 pages)\*\*\*
3. Applicant's NIH biosketch or similar

\*\*\*There is no set form, but we request a brief project narrative (background, methods/study design, specific aims, and expected outcomes), a lay summary suitable for public use, and a general budget overview. Please keep this narrative to 4 pages maximum. Formatting: Arial font, 11 point size and 0.5" margins on all pages.

LOI submissions should be emailed to [info@lynnsagefoundation.org](mailto:info@lynnsagefoundation.org) by September 30, 2018.

### **Review Process**

All pre-application LOI submissions will be reviewed to ensure that the Lynn Sage research mission and eligibility requirements are met. Upon approval, candidates will be invited to submit a RFA.

Applications will be reviewed by The Lynn Sage Foundation Advisory Board and a member of The Lynn Sage Foundation Board of Directors.

### **Questions**

We recognize you may have questions regarding the process and we welcome your feedback. Please contact Angie Fekrat at [info@lynnsagefoundation.org](mailto:info@lynnsagefoundation.org).

For more information about the Lynn Sage Foundation, visit [lynnsagefoundation.org](http://lynnsagefoundation.org).