

# 2017 Dr. William E. Paul Distinguished Innovator Awards in Lupus and Autoimmunity

## Grant Application Deadline: May 24, 2017

The Lupus Research Alliance invites applications for its Dr. William E. Paul Distinguished Innovator Awards in Lupus and Immunology, a global program that will provide outstanding scientists with substantial support for up to four years to conduct novel research into the fundamental causes of lupus and so provide new directions toward cure or prevention.

Advances across many disciplines have led to novel treatments that aim to suppress the manifestations of lupus. Yet few interventions are being developed that seek to reverse or prevent the disease. Lupus Research Alliance Distinguished Innovators will address this gap by pioneering research into the fundamental, causative pathways of lupus.

In pursuit of this goal, the Lupus Research Alliance welcomes novel, hypothesis- or discovery-driven proposals in human and/or animal model based lupus research. The research proposal must aim to uncover the fundamental causes of lupus and present a compelling vision of how the discovery would lay the groundwork for a potential cure, prevention, or highly effective therapy.

The expert review panel will judge applications primarily on the novelty and potential of the research proposal, and the strengths and track record of the investigator. Emphasis will be on the rationale for the hypothesis rather than the amount of preliminary data. Continuations of long-term research projects will not be considered.

Successful applicants will be outstanding investigators who have demonstrated creativity and productivity in their field of research. We encourage applications from investigators in diverse disciplines including, but not limited to, immunology, genetics, molecular-, cell- and systems biology. Scientists who have not previously worked in lupus are encouraged to apply, as are researchers working outside the US. Applicants must hold a position at an academic institution.

Annual funding of up to \$250,000 per year, for a term of up to four years, will be awarded for approved projects. We anticipate that no more than four Distinguished Innovator Awards will be made in 2017. The full grant application, including a research plan of no more than six pages is due by May 24, 2017.

Full guidelines are available at [www.lupusresearch.org](http://www.lupusresearch.org). For additional information contact Diomaris Gonzalez, Director, Grant Programs at [research.admin@lupusresearch.org](mailto:research.admin@lupusresearch.org).

**To submit an Application, please visit proposalCentral at**

**<http://proposalcentral.altum.com/>** and search for the Lupus Research Alliance Grant Application. **Applications must be received by 5:00 PM EST on May 24, 2017.**