



Advances in cancer research often originate from innovative thinking and ingenious approaches. Securing funding for these truly out-of-the box ideas remains a challenge, especially to newly minted, independent junior scientists. With this in mind, we are proud to announce the second application cycle for our newest award program, the Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award.

The Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award provides support for the next generation of exceptionally creative thinkers with "high risk/high reward" ideas that have the potential to significantly impact our understanding of and/or approaches to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. This award is specifically designed to provide funding for extraordinary early career researchers who have an innovative, new idea but lack sufficient preliminary data to obtain traditional funding. The research supported by the award must be novel, exceptionally creative and, if successful, have the strong potential for high impact in the cancer field.

Eligible applicants (including non-U.S. citizens) must be conducting independent research at a U.S. institution. Institutional nominations are not required and there is no limit to the number of applications that can be received from a particular institution. Basic and translational/clinical projects will be considered and individuals with a background in multiple disciplines are especially encouraged to apply. The awards will provide \$450,000 in direct costs during a three year award term and a maximum of 5 awards will be granted each year. No indirect costs will be covered. A complete award program description and application guidelines are available on our website [Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation](http://www.damonrunyon.org). **Pre-proposals are due June 2, 2008.**

Please feel free to contact the Foundation at 212-455-0520 or awards@damonrunyon.org with any questions.