



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: ALABAMA BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama (BCRFA) seeks to accelerate breast cancer research in Alabama and generate extramural funding through its annual grant cycle. Any and all areas of breast cancer research – *including basic and population sciences proposals* - will be considered for funding.

The number of grant awards will be based upon available funding. **Grants will be \$100,000 (\$50,000 for one year with an additional \$50,000 for a second year** based on first-year outcomes and reporting).

The BCRFA is a nonprofit organization raising funds and awareness for breast cancer research in Alabama. Since its founding in 1996, the organization has invested over \$15 million in cutting-edge breast cancer research initiatives across the state.

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### Funding Goals

- Support new avenues of yet-unfunded cancer research
- Catalyze basic research into translational research
- Propel early-stage breast cancer research into well-developed investigations able to attract high-level funding from national research institutes
- Save lives by ultimately eliminating breast cancer as a public health threat

### Funding Limitations

Use of BCRFA funds is limited to laboratory/research personnel, supplies, and/or services directly required for the project. *Funds may not be used for investigator salaries, indirect costs, publication costs or travel costs.* The BCRFA will only fund one proposal per investigator at a time. Researchers currently receiving support from the BCRFA are not eligible. *Researchers from UAB should apply for BCRFA support only through the O'Neal Invests grant cycles.*

### Proposal Requirements

- **Completed BCRFA proposal cover page** including:
  - Descriptive title of the research project
  - Self-categorization as basic science or population science
  - Contact information of primary investigator's and co-PIs
  - Layman's Abstract of project, including hypothesis, relevance, significance, and innovation.
  - Impact/Results from past BCRFA support
- **Project overview**, including:
  - Specific aims, background, and key data to support your hypothesis (figures/graphs may be used within page limitations)
  - Description of how you will test the hypothesis
  - Summary of expected outcomes and how completion of this project could support a future grant application
- **Project budget** (NIH template or other format accepted) noting specifically how BCRFA funds will be utilized
- **Application page limit:** 3-page limitation for project overview. Cover page, budget, references, and biographical sketches are not included in the page count.
- **Submission procedure:** Submit proposal as a single PDF to [beth@bcrfa.org](mailto:beth@bcrfa.org)

### Proposal Submission and Funding Timeline

- **Proposals will be accepted between August 1, 2024, and October 2, 2024.** Proposals submitted after October 2 will not be considered.
- **Grant Award Notifications:** November 19, 2024
- **Funds Disbursement:** December 15, 2024

### Reporting

Grant recipients will be required to submit a progress and funding utilization report within nine months of receipt of funds. All publications must acknowledge BCRFA funding.

### Contact for Questions + Email Submission

**Beth Davis, President & CEO** | [beth@bcrfa.org](mailto:beth@bcrfa.org) | (205) 413-4600



**BCRFA Proposal Cover Sheet**

**TITLE OF PROJECT:**

**TYPE OF PROJECT (Check one):** Basic Science\_\_\_\_ Population Science\_\_\_\_

**PI Name (Last, First), Degrees:** \_\_\_\_\_

PI Email:\_\_\_\_\_ PI Institution\*:\_\_\_\_\_

PI Position/Title:\_\_\_\_\_ PI Department: \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-PI Name (Last, First), Degrees:** \_\_\_\_\_

Co-PI Email:\_\_\_\_\_ Co-PI Institution\*:\_\_\_\_\_

Co-PI Position/Title:\_\_\_\_\_ Co-PI Department: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Investigators/Key Personnel:**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Institution/Department:\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Institution/Department:\_\_\_\_\_

**LAYMAN'S ABSTRACT:**

**IMPACTS/RESULTS FROM PAST BCRFA FUNDING SUPPORT (if applicable):**

*\* Please note, researchers from the University of Alabama – Birmingham should only apply for BCRFA research support via the O’Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center’s O’Neal Invests request for proposals cycles rather than via the BCRFA’s annual RFP.*