



2022 Endowed Fellowship Grants

Call for Applications

The following Endowed Fellowships held in the Division of Education & Training will be providing Grants each in the amount of \$10,000 to support Postdoctoral Fellows and GME Trainees who have made significant research contributions, inventions, or discoveries during their training, and who demonstrate a promise of providing future significant scientific contributions within their fields of study.

Endowed Fellowship Grants	No. of Awards
Harold C and Mary L Dailey Endowed Fellowship ¹	1 award
Ben Love Fellowship in Innovative Cancer Therapy ²	1 award
Thomas H and Mayme P Scott Fellowship in Cancer Research ³	1 award
Denson Tobola Fellowship in Ovarian Cancer Research	3 awards
Maryann Rosenstein Family Fellowship ⁴	1 award

¹No restrictions on research topic. Open to applications that are not directly or immediately applicable to cancer.

²Proposals in alignment with [McCombs Institute](#) programs prioritized.

³Open to any field of cancer research.

⁴For proposals on Merkel cell carcinoma and related cancers.

Eligibility

- Applicants must hold appointments as postdoctoral fellows (job titles: Postdoctoral Fellow or Odyssey Fellow) or GME trainees (job titles: Resident or Fellow) on the application deadline. MD Anderson must be the primary affiliation of the trainees. Applicants holding “Visiting” or “Rotating” job titles are not eligible.
- Applicants must have stated plans to continue their research, training, or employment at MD Anderson for at least the next year.
- Trainees may apply to be considered for more than one Endowed Fellowship Grant mechanism, however, no trainee will receive more than one Grant.
- The recipient of the 2022 Harter Prize shall be ineligible for an Endowed Fellowship Grant.
- The trainee must be in good standing (i.e., No performance or discipline issues).
- There are no citizenship restrictions.

Important Dates

Call for Applications published	Mon, Dec 6, 2021
Application system opens	Mon, Jan 3, 2022
Application system closes	Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 11:59 pm CST
Awards announced	Thu, March 31, 2022

Link to the application system

<https://submit.mdanderson.org/?event=52c53d84-6dd1-4268-a595-039b5f9a1a2e>

Do not submit applications prior to Mon, Jan 3, 2022. Any applications submitted before Mon, Jan 3, 2022 will be deleted from the application system.

For questions regarding the application guidelines and/or instructions, please contact:

- ForPostdocs@mdanderson.org
- [Ryan Udan, PhD](#), Program Dir—Academic Ops, Office for Postdoctoral Fellows
- [Lynn Ned](#), Program Coordinator, Office for Postdoctoral Fellows

Application

The Endowed Fellowship Grants program uses the same application components and review criteria as the 2022 Harter Prize.

The application must be submitted online via Submit at MD Anderson by the application deadline listed above. All application components must be uploaded as a single PDF. Formatting instructions are provided below.

Description of Past Research, Discovery, or Invention: A two-page summary addressing the following:

- A brief description of the applicant's scientifically impactful independent basic science or clinical research project, discovery, or invention.
- A brief description of how the applicant intends to continue pursuing this project, discovery, or invention while at MD Anderson.
- A plan for how the \$10,000 prize will support the individual's research and scholarly activities, taking into consideration that the primary intent of the award is to support trainees' continued research and/or promote efforts related to the discovery or validation of new cancer treatment or prevention approaches.

Formatting instructions for the Research Description:

- *This document should be typed using 11-point font size or larger in either Arial or Times New Roman, single spaced, 1/2 (.50) inch margins on each side.*
- *Sub-headings improve readability and are encouraged.*
- *The applicant's full name must be present in the header of each page, and a page number must be included in the footer of each page.*

- *References or a list of related publications or inventions may also be included and will not count toward the two-page limit.*

Two Letters of Recommendation (each letter should not exceed three pages)

- One letter of recommendation from the applicant's advisor or mentor.
- A second letter of recommendation from an individual who is sufficiently familiar with the applicant's accomplishments.
- Each letter should highlight the applicant's research or discovery, explain how the applicant's work has advanced/will advance the field, and why the applicant is deserving of the award.
- As each letter is limited to three pages, please include a page number at the footer of each page of each letter (e.g., Letter 1: page 1, 2, 3; Letter 2 page 1, 2, 3.)

Institutional CV in MD Anderson Format

- Please include a page number in the footer of this document, starting with page 1, etc.
- Visit [this page](#) for a template and [this page](#) for more information.

Combine the documents into a single PDF in the following order and upload into Submit:

- Description of Past Research, Discovery, Invention
- Letter of Recommendation (1)
- Letter of Recommendation (2)
- Institutional CV in MD Anderson format

Please adhere to the page limits and formatting guidelines. No other materials should be included in the application. Applications that fail to adhere to page limits and formatting guidelines will be administratively withdrawn.

Review Process

Faculty members at MD Anderson will serve as internal reviewers for this award, and will provide a rigorous review of the proposals and evaluate the applicants based upon the following criteria:

- History of scientifically impactful independent basic science or clinical research project, discovery, or invention, as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications, intellectual property disclosures or patents, or other scientific contributions.
- The applicant shows promise of providing future significant contributions and/or innovative impact within the applicant's field of study.

- The applicant demonstrates intent to continue pursuing this project, discovery, or invention while at MD Anderson, regardless of where the highlighted contribution(s) was/were initially made. It is not required that the contribution(s) was/were made at MD Anderson. While the award may be used to support other scholarly activities, the primary intent of the award is to support trainees' continued research and/or promote efforts related to the discovery or validation of new cancer treatment or prevention approaches.

Award Notification

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of MD Anderson faculty members and recommendations for awards will be made to the Chief Education & Training Officer or their designee. Awardees will be announced during Trainee Research Day (Thu, March 31, 2022) and will receive an award letter via email. The letter will include award terms and conditions, including reporting requirements.

Each Pilot Grant provides \$10,000 of funding. The Grant may be used to supplement ongoing studies, initiate new studies, or for other expenses related to training/career development of the selected award recipient. An MD Anderson Fund Group 80 account will be set up with the Grant recipient as the steward. Research support funds must be used pursuant to Fund Group 80 guidelines. All awarded funds must be spent by the end of the following fiscal year. The funds may not be transferred out of the institution.