



## 2024 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

**Introduction:** CLL Society is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for researchers who are young in their careers, have not yet established themselves as independent researchers, and who plan on having a career in the field of CLL and SLL.

**Award Amount:** CLL Society's 2024 Young Investigator Award is for \$150,000 which will be distributed in three annual payments of \$50,000. The first \$50,000 will be paid within 30 days of the Effective Date, the second \$50,000 will be paid within 30 days after CLL Society's approval of the first submitted annual progress and financial report, and the final \$50,000 will be paid within 30 days after CLL Society's approval of second annual progress and financial report.

**Eligibility:** A Young Investigator is defined as a junior faculty member (instructor or assistant professor) and/or postdoctoral fellow who focuses on pre-clinical research. Applicants should ideally be fellows or scientists with an MD/DO, and/or PhD, from an accredited institution who plan to be tenure-tracked (or are already tenured) by the time the grant term begins. Applicants with prior experience in laboratory research are preferred, but previous laboratory experience is not required. Research must be conducted at an academic research institution located within the United States that has a teaching curriculum and mentoring element, with well-established investigators who have excellent track records in CLL and SLL.

**Ineligible:** Research projects that are conducted outside of the United States are not currently eligible. Outcomes research, clinical trials, correlated analyses, retrospective studies, and all other non-laboratory projects do not qualify for this funded opportunity.

**Goal:** The Young Investigator Award is intended to develop medical knowledge, thereby stimulating future research that is applicable to the development of medical innovations that will save and sustain the lives of those with CLL and SLL.

**Study Design:** Basic bench and translational research projects in all areas of CLL and SLL are eligible for this proposal. Emphasis will be placed on the innovation and transformative potential of submitted proposals. Sufficient information must be included in the application to allow the peer reviewers to evaluate the significance, feasibility, and scientific strength of the project. Investigators should demonstrate that their investigative team has the appropriate expertise to complete the research project.

**Projects Considered:** Proposals must focus exclusively on research projects directly related to CLL or SLL that will potentially lead to scientific progress.

**Budget:** Funding should be used to support the Grantee's salary, with a maximum allowable institutional overhead of 10%. It is expected that the hosting institution (and/or additional supporting grants) will cover expenses for research consumables, equipment, and all other incidental costs required for the project. The estimated funding period is July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027.



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Funds cannot be used to support equipment purchases or travel, and no overhead will be provided for outside institutions. Funds are intended to directly cover research rather than administrative costs. We understand that some institutions require a certain proportion of grants to cover indirect and/or modified direct costs. CLL Society will allow for up to 10% of the total award to be used as indirect and/or modified direct costs, including any indirect costs associated with sub-awards. We encourage applicants to work with their institutions to reduce administrative costs so that the maximum amount of the award can be used for the research project.

**Request for Letters of Intent:** Applicants should submit their Letter of Intent through [ProposalCentral's application portal](#) **no later than November 6th, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST**. Letters of Intent will not be received after this date/time. Applicants will be notified via email whether to then submit their full research proposals by **December 4th, 2023**.

**Request for Full Research Proposals:** Full proposal submissions are by invitation only, after review and approval of the Letter of Intent. Those approved will be invited via email to submit their full research proposal through [ProposalCentral's application portal](#). The deadline for submission is **no later than January 12th, 2024, at 11:59 PM EST**. Any applications received after this date/time will not be considered. Incomplete applications will also not be considered.

**Required Documents:** Please read through the [Application Instructions](#) and [Program Guidelines](#) in full prior to beginning the application process.

**Selection Process:** Full research proposals will undergo a formal peer-review process by CLL Society's Research Review Committee and will be critiqued and ranked for funding priority based on strategic and scientific merit. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application no later than **May 3rd at 11:59 PM EST**. Written critiques will be available to the applicants who were invited to submit a full research proposal. In submitting a full proposal, researchers agree to allow CLL Society's Research Review Committee to access your full application materials.