

GRAY FOUNDATION GRAY BRCA PRE-CANCER ATLAS DISCOVERY PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2026 LOI PHASE

LOI Release Date: November 6, 2025

LOI Due Date: January 9, 2026

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The mission of this new grant program is to fund highly meritorious research projects that utilize the data deposited in the Gray BRCA Pre-Cancer Atlas (the Atlas). The Atlas is a developing unified resource capturing the molecular, genetic, and physiological changes occurring at the earliest signs of BRCA-associated cancer. Thanks to the collaborative work of multiple research groups, many aspects are already publicly available (see public facing site - <https://www.graybrcaatlas.org/>), including the integration of newly developed single cell and spatial profiling technologies with histology and 'omics approaches. The Gray Foundation is now seeking new proposals on innovative ways to analyze and utilize these data to develop new ways to combat BRCA-related cancers. The funding will be for a period of up to 2 years with a budget of up to \$250K/year. The Foundation is willing to consider multiple applications from the same institution.

ELIGIBILITY AND REVIEW CRITERIA

- Investigators must hold a medical or other doctoral degree and have a faculty appointment at an academic, medical, or research institution equivalent to an Assistant Professor, or higher.
- Applicants must be academic, medical, or research institutions anywhere in the world.
- For-profit enterprises are not eligible to apply but may be listed as Collaborators. However, no grant funds may be directed to collaborators working within a for-profit entity.
- Questions about eligibility should be sent to the Gray Foundation (grants@grayfoundation.org) prior to submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI).

REVIEW PROCESS

The Gray Foundation will review all LOIs submitted and will invite selected applicants to submit full proposals. Decisions on LOIs will be provided by the end of January 2026, and more details regarding full proposal submission and deadlines will be provided at that time. Invited full proposals will be reviewed by the Gray Foundation Scientific Committee, which will provide recommendations for funding.

The following criteria will be considered for each application (**see details in program guidelines**):

- Connection to the Atlas
- Innovation
- Significance
- Approach
- Clinical/Translational Potential
- Investigators/Team/Environment

LOI SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Letters of Intent (LOI) are due by 12:00 pm (noon) United States Eastern Time on January 9, 2026. Please submit proposals to: grants@grayfoundation.org. Confirmation of receipt will be emailed within 1 business day. Please contact us if you do not receive a confirmation.

A complete LOI must include:

- [Investigator Information/Signature form \(see below\)](#)
- [Project Description Form \(see below, 2 pages, 12pt font\)](#). Must include: title, lay summary, background and rationale, specific aims, research design and methods, innovation, Team description
- [References \(1 page\)](#)
- [NIH Biosketches](#)

Each component is described in more detail below.

QUESTIONS?

Email: grants@grayfoundation.org

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE

Full Name:

Last (Family)

First (Given)

Middle Initial

Degree:

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MD

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PhD

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MD, PhD

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PharmD

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Other:

Title/Position:

Department:

Institution:

Mailing Address:

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone:

E-mail:

Admin's Name:

Admin's E-mail:

Project Title:

Authorizing Signatures

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete as of this date. If an award is made as a result of this proposal, I understand that my institution will be required to administer it in accordance with the policies of the Gray Foundation.

PI Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

DEPARTMENT CHAIR: The attached application is approved. It is within the total program and academic objectives of the Department. Adequate space is available for the conduct of the project. The scope of research described herein is realistic. The information contained in the proposal is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge. We acknowledge the indirect cost policy of the Gray Foundation and understand that any grant awarded will be subject to the institution's agreement to that policy.

Name: _____

Department Chair Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Two (2) pages maximum. Margins must be no less than 0.75 inches. Font size for body of the text must be 12 point, and no smaller than 8 point type for figures, legends, and tables. Single-spacing is acceptable. Please include the following sections:

- 1-Title
- 2-Lay summary (<300 words)
- 3-Background and rationale
- 4-Specific aims
- 5-Research design and methods
- 6-Innovation
- 7-Team description

REFERENCES

References cited in the proposal can be included on a separate page (one page).

NIH BIOSKETCH

Please include the NIH Biosketches for the PI and key team members.