

YALE UNIVERSITY ▼ SCHOLAR AWARD COMPETITION  
**DAMON RUNYON CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION**  
**Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award**

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## DEADLINES

November 18, 2016 – internal deadline

February 1, 2017 – sponsor deadline

## SPONSOR'S WEBSITE

Award Overview: <https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/clinical-investigator>

Application Guidelines: <https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/clinical-investigator/forms>

Clinical Investigator Award Committee: <https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/committees/clinical-investigator>

Current/Former Recipients and their Projects: <https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/awardees/investigators>

## FUNDING

\$150,000 per year for 3 years. (Total: \$450,000 direct costs)

The fund will also retire up to \$100,000 of any medical school debt still owed by the awardee.

## NOMINATION LIMITATION

Yale University in its entirety, including the Cancer Center, may nominate five (5) candidates.

## PURPOSE

The Foundation seeks to reverse the trend of decreasing numbers of young physicians undertaking clinical cancer research. It supports the most promising early career physician-scientists willing to devote their efforts to the development and application of new diagnostic approaches and therapeutic strategies for cancer and cancer prevention through clinical investigation.

The Foundation is seeking independent investigators engaged in disease-oriented research that is characterized by exceptional innovation and creativity, supporting candidates whose work is likely to meaningfully impact the practice of cancer medicine.

Preference is given to research that adheres to the “Handshake Rule,” meaning that the physician will conduct research studies that directly involve patients.

### **For the purposes of this award, the Foundation’s definition of clinical research is:**

- Patient-oriented research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator directly interacts with human subjects.  
This area of research includes: • patient-based studies of mechanisms of human disease,
  - diagnostic and therapeutic interventions, • clinical trials, and • development of new technologies for the detection, treatment and prevention of human cancers.
- Epidemiologic and behavioral studies.
- Outcomes research and health services research.

Excluded from this definition are *in vitro* studies that utilize human tissues but do not deal directly with patients. It is necessary to know the identity of the patient(s) from whom the cells or tissues under study are derived.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be citizens or permanent legal residents of the U.S.
- Candidates must have received an **MD or MD/PhD**, completed his/her subspecialty training, and be board-eligible. The applicant must hold a valid, active U.S. medical license at the time of application.
- Applicants may apply during the first four years of their initial full-time faculty appointment, with the initial appointment made not earlier than July 2013. Candidates holding R01s are not eligible.
- Candidates must name a mentor established in the field of clinical translational cancer research or cancer prevention and epidemiology who will provide critical guidance needed during the award period.
- Applicants must commit a **minimum of 80%** of professional time during each award year to the conduct of research and research career development.

## INTERNAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES

See [Scholar Awards Internal Competition Procedures](http://your.yale.edu/node/9036) at <http://your.yale.edu/node/9036>. **For this internal competition**, the letter of recommendation must come from your mentor, following the instructions in Item 11 of the Application Guidelines at: <https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/clinical-investigator/forms>.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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