



A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation

Announcement and Eligibility to Apply for Funding

The *A Breath of Hope Research Committee* and *Board of Directors* announce their 2016 Research Fellowships and a request for submission of eligibility forms ([link to form](#)). Upon completion of this form, eligible applicants will be e-mailed the link to our online fellowship application. Applications may be made online, e-mailed to research@abreathofhope.org, or mailed to: Research Committee c/o A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation, PO Box 387, Wayzata, MN 55391.

A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation will fund two lung cancer research fellowships based on the stated scope of work. A total of \$300,000 in funding is available to be awarded in 2016 with bi-annual payments made to the winning applicants through February 2018. Fellows (grant recipients) will be chosen through a competitive peer-review process as described below.

Link to Eligibility Form at www.abreathofhope.org/research/

Purpose

Each award is intended to support a lung cancer research project that aligns with the topics listed below. Applicants must be in their first five years of their first faculty appointment and will not have more than \$250,000 in additional outside funding.

A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation (ABOHLF) will provide funding to clinical investigators in the form of a \$150,000 award paid over two years to support salaries and other costs related to retaining research talent in the field of lung cancer. Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer killing 160,000 Americans each year, yet research funding support remains disproportionately low. Consequently, there is an ongoing departure of talented scientists from lung cancer research to other, better funded research fields. Through these fellowships, ABOHLF ensures that chosen research institutions have the resources needed to retain bright young scientists committed to reducing the U.S. lung cancer mortality rate.

Topics (applicants can apply for both, but must be separate applications tied to topic)

1) **Lung Cancer in Women.** Lung cancer claims nearly twice as many women's lives as breast cancer, and more lives than breast, ovarian and cervical cancers combined, yet funding for lung cancer research per cancer death is significantly lower. Lung cancer is often assumed to be caused by smoking, yet one in five women with a lung cancer diagnosis has never smoked. Among those women with a smoking history, their lung cancer diagnosis often comes ten to twenty years after they quit smoking.

Many healthcare organizations report a growing number of lung cancer cases among women. This RFP focuses on developing knowledge, understanding and solutions for lung cancer in women.

2) **Early Detection and/or Screening for Lung Cancer – The Larry Benjamin Award.** Most lung cancer cases are diagnosed in stages III and IV. An earlier diagnosis can increase chances of survival and prolong life. If the cancer has metastasized, treatment becomes more difficult, and a person's chances of surviving are much lower.

A Breath of Hope named this fellowship in honor of **Larry Benjamin**, a vibrant and well-loved man who died of lung cancer in his fifties, and his family who faithfully support the efforts of this foundation. Larry came from a family with multiple generations of lung cancer deaths, yet screening has not been readily available to the family. Preventative lung cancer screening and earlier detection may have saved Larry's life.

This fellowship is focused on *novel strategies for the early detection and/or screening* of lung cancer.

Timeline for submission, review and administration of award

Submission is a two-step process:

- Complete eligibility form at www.abreathofhope.org/research
- Upon verification of eligibility, ABOHLF will email the link to the online application. Applications can be mailed, emailed in PDF form, or submitted online.
- January 1, 2016: Announcement of request for proposals (RFP)
- April 1, 2016, 11:59 p.m. CST: Close date for applications/submissions – late submissions will not be reviewed
- April 1 - May 31, 2016: Scientific Peer Review, A Breath of Hope Research Committee Review
- May 15 - June 15, 2016: Finalists contacted for possible site visits or conference call visits
- June 15, 2016: Public announcement of names of A Breath of Hope Research Fellows; Press Release. Funding notifications mailed.
- August 1, 2016: First of four semi-annual disbursements to U.S. institution employing chosen Fellow (\$37,500). Fellowship payments made: August 1, 2016, February 1, 2017, August 1, 2017, and February 1, 2018.
- 2016-2017: ABOH Research Fellows travel to Minnesota one time (1-2 day trip) to be recognized by and to meet key donors/supporters/staff/board of directors.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by members of the ABOH Scientific Review Panel, as well as the Research Committee and a decision regarding funding will be sent in June.

The public announcement of award winners will occur June 15, 2016.

Application Components

1. Contact Information
2. Project Information
3. Specific Aims
4. Personal Statement Questions
5. Applicant's Biosketch
6. Research Strategy
7. Cited References
8. Institutional Letter of Support
9. Clinical Protocol (optional)
10. Prior Publications (optional)
11. Supporting Documentation
12. Project Timeline
13. Budget and Justification
14. Mentor's Biosketch
15. Letter of Support
16. Institutional Approval
17. Human Participants Certification

Confidentiality – All A Breath of Hope Research Fellowship applications, progress reports and scoring are held confidential by ABOHLF. Submitted proposals become the property of ABOHLF and will not be returned.

Disclaimer - A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, creed, religion, sexual orientation, disability, nationality, age or any other factors that are irrelevant to the quality of the research project being accomplished by applicants.

Questions can be directed to nancy@abreathofhope.org.