



# A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation

## Announcing 2016 \$150,000 Research Fellowships!

The *A Breath of Hope Research Committee* and *Board of Directors* announce their 2016 Research Fellowships and a request for submission of eligibility forms at [research@abreathofhope.org](mailto:research@abreathofhope.org). Upon verification of eligibility, applicants will be e-mailed the link to our online fellowship application. Applications may be made online, e-mailed to [research@abreathofhope.org](mailto: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 from August 2015 through February 2018. Fellows (grant recipients) will be chosen through a competitive peer-review process as described below.

### [Link to Eligibility Form](#)

#### 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 submit separate applications tied to each 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 many years after they quit

## Help us finish 2015 strong!

Thanks to the generosity of Mary Jane Benjamin, we have a \$5000 matching grant opportunity that expires at 11:59 pm tonight! Double your impact online or by check through the end of today - mailed checks must be dated 12/31/2015.

### [Donate online now!](#)



### Thank you Larry Benjamin Family!

With gratitude for their tremendous financial contributions and all that *Mary Jane Benjamin, John & Wanda Benjamin of Northfield Lines and the entire Benjamin Family* have done for *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation*, this year's early detection RFP has been named in memory and honor of the late Larry Benjamin.

From golf tournaments in support of *A Breath of Hope*, to sponsorships at our race, to donated buses, to generous individual gifts, this family is committed to fighting lung cancer and we couldn't be prouder to name the early detection award in honor of their dearly loved and greatly missed Larry.

*"We are deeply honored by this tribute to Larry. Thank you to A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation for their tireless efforts to find a cure for lung cancer."* Mary Jane Benjamin

More information about

smoking.

Many healthcare organizations report a growing number of lung cancer cases among young 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](http://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

[Naming Grants](#)

### **Mark Your Calendar!**



***Women's Wellness Tea, March 5, 2 -4 pm***



***A Breath of Hope UICC Chicago Lung Run/Walk, May 21, 9 am-Noon***



***A Breath of Hope Golf Classic, June 10, Noon-7 pm***



***A Breath of Hope Twin Cities Lung Run/Walk, August 13, 8 am-Noon***



***A Breath of Hope Duluth Lung Run/Walk, September 17, 8 am-Noon***

(Registration opens 60 days before events at [www.abreathofhope.org/events](http://www.abreathofhope.org/events))

Thank you to the many lung cancer warriors whose generous gifts make these research opportunities possible. We are grateful for your support and partnership!

Wishing you a very

**Happy New Year!**

***A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation***

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 about the application process can be directed to [nancy@abreathofhope.org](mailto:nancy@abreathofhope.org).*

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