

TO: School of Medicine Faculty
FROM: Katherine L. Nathanson, MD and Matthew D. Weitzman, PhD
Co-Chairs, PSOM Limited Applications Selection Committee
RE: W. W. Smith Charitable Trust Research Awards: Cancer, Heart Disease & AIDS
<https://www.wsmithcharitabletrust.org/medical.html>

The W. W. Smith Charitable Trust funds basic science research in the areas of heart disease, cancer and AIDS. Funding is limited to nonprofit institutions such as universities, hospitals, and research centers located in the five-county Greater Philadelphia region (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties) or the City of Camden, NJ. The Trust identifies and funds research projects that are unique and meritorious with the goal of investing in promising researchers who have the potential to attract larger-scale awards (e.g., NIH, NSF, AHA) subsequent to Trust support.

Each school within the University may nominate one applicant for each of the three research categories: heart disease, cancer or AIDS. The Office of the Vice Provost for Research (OVPR) will determine the final candidates to represent the University. **Faculty with a primary appointment at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) must apply through CHOP.**

Eligibility:

- Funds must be used for basic medical research in the areas of heart disease, cancer, or AIDS.
- No funds are awarded solely for equipment.
- Unused grant funds must be returned to the Trust promptly. Please contact the Trust for guidance before submitting any refund.
- Copies of all published material relevant to a proposed research project must be made available to the Trust both before and after a grant is made.
- For any sponsored research projects, the applicant must be eligible to serve as Principal Investigator for the project, unless otherwise noted in the LSO. Please see Penn's [PI Eligibility requirements](#) to ensure you are eligible.

Funding and Award Period:

- A research award ranging from \$100,000 - \$125,000 (including 10% indirect costs)
- Grants are awarded for a one-year term

PSOM Internal Review Process:

Candidates must submit the following in the order below:

- Cover page: Name of applicant, academic rank, department, school, email address, phone number, campus address, and proposal title.
 - Proposal title must specify whether proposal is for AIDS, Cancer or Heart Research Award
- Research Summary (maximum 2 pages) describing the proposal's aims, significance, preliminary studies, and the experimental design. References are not included in the 2 page limit.
- Biosketch or CV, which includes educational background, professional appointments, awards and honors, current research support (start-up and external), and pending support (including dollar amounts and start/end dates).

Materials should be submitted in a single pdf file in the following order: cover page, research proposal, and CV or biosketch. The subject line should read: WWSmith_Research category_ Applicant last name_Application first name (for example, WWSmith_Cancer _ Doe_Jane).

Proposals must be submitted by **9:00 AM** on **Thursday, May 2, 2024** to Kaitlyn Hagarty at kaitlyn.hagarty@pennterms.edu. If you have any questions please contact Kaitlyn Hagarty at Kaitlyn.Hagarty@pennterms.edu.