

Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center (HICCC) Pilot Awards Schedule 2025-2026

Individuals cannot hold more than one current HICCC pilot award and cannot hold more than two HICCC pilot awards in any five-year period. Within an individual program, past recipients within the last 3 years are not eligible for the same award (except Multi-Investigator Planning Program grant). Subject to change.

Pilot	Eligibility	Launch Date	Amount and number of awards
HICCC Edward P. Evans Center for Myelodysplastic Syndromes Pilot Award <u>Focus:</u> to advance understanding in the early stages of MDS pathogenesis, MDS transformation to acute myeloid leukemia, and/or develop and implement innovative approaches in disease management or prevention	- Columbia University faculty engaged in research directly focused on MDS or from related areas that can leverage expertise, knowledge, and approaches to advance understanding of MDS - Applicants must be members of the Edward P. Evans Center for MDS - Interdisciplinary projects supporting novel ideas are encouraged - Past recipients within the last 3 years are not eligible	October 2025	\$50,000 for 1 year Up to 2 awards
HICCC Edward P. Evans Center for Myelodysplastic Syndromes Fellowship <u>Focus:</u> to accelerate research progress while growing the community of MDS researchers	- PhD, MD or MD/PhD fellows supervised by faculty who are either members of the Edward P. Evans Center for MDS or faculty who wish to redirect their research to MDS as Center members - Past recipients within the last three years are not eligible	October 2025	stipend support up to \$50,000 for 1 year Up to 2 awards
HICCC-Clinical Trialist Early Career Development Scholars Award <u>Focus:</u> early-stage clinical faculty members /trainees seeking a career track as a Clinical Investigator	- Clinical early faculty who will seek a career track as a Clinical Investigator and Principal Investigator for clinical trials - Awardee's department support of \$25,000 per year for the two-year award period is mandatory. - Past recipients are not eligible	November 2025	\$50,000/year for 2 years (plus matching funds from the awardee department of \$25,000) Up to 2 awards

and/or Principal Investigator for clinical trials <i>(Note: the Paul Calabresi K12 RFA for early faculty clinical investigators will run in together with this opportunity. More information will be provided in the RFA)</i>			
Multi Investigator Planning Grant <u>Focus:</u> Multi-component biomedical research grants and large multi-PI research projects	• Columbia University faculty can apply • HICCC senior leadership is eligible • Past recipients within the last 3 years are eligible if the project is new and the proposal distinct	November 2025	\$80,000 for 1 year Up to 2 awards
HICCC Joint Interdisciplinary Pilot Awards - Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) <u>Focus:</u> Interdisciplinary research at the intersection of cancer research biological science, chemistry, and/or physics provides new insight into fundamental mechanisms relevant to cancer	Pilot Awards • Collaboration between faculty from both biological science, chemistry, and/or physics and HICCC • New and established collaborations that will lead to longer-term and more profound relationships among faculty across Columbia • Asst Prof level or higher appointments are eligible apply • HICCC senior leadership is eligible to apply • Past recipients within the last 3 years are not eligible	December 2025	\$75,000 for 1 year 1 award expected
HICCC Joint Interdisciplinary Fellowship Awards - Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) <u>Focus:</u> Accelerate research progress at the intersection of cancer research biological science, chemistry, and/or physics growing the community of interdisciplinary researchers	Fellowship Awards • PhD, MD or MD/PhD fellows supervised by faculty who with co-mentors from biological science, chemistry, and/or physics and HICCC • Past recipients within the last 3 years are not eligible	December 2025	\$50,000 for 1 year 1 award expected
HICCC Inter/Intra-Programmatic Pilot Program <u>Focus:</u> Full spectrum of cancer research	• Available to HICCC members • PIs should be from at least two different HICCC Research Programs (inter-programmatic) • PIs may be from within one HICCC Research Program (intra-programmatic) if the project is highly interdisciplinary	January 2026	\$80,000 for 1 year Up to 2 awards

	- Proposals should focus on research priorities outlined by the HICCC Research Programs - HICCC senior leadership is not eligible - Past recipients within the last 3 years are not eligible		
HICCC VELOCITY Cancer Research Awards <u>Focus:</u> Research toward clinical trials (interventional, non-interventional, observation) that addresses cancer incidence, mortality, disparities in the Catchment area	- Columbia University faculty engaged in new or established cancer or cancer-relevant research - At least one PI must be a member of the HICCC - Proposals should focus on research priorities outlined by the HICCC Research Programs - Past recipients within the last 3 years are not eligible.	February 2026	\$75,000 for 1 year Up to 4 awards
Irving Cancer Drug Discovery Program (ICDDP) <u>Focus:</u> Stimulate the development, testing, and implementation of innovative scientific discoveries for the diagnosis and treatment of cancers	- Full-time Faculty at Columbia University - Past recipients within the last 3 years are not eligible	April 2026	\$100K-\$200k per year for 1-2 years. Up to 3 awards

Senior leadership is defined as [Directors and Associate Directors](#) and [Program Leaders](#).

Trainee Associate Member Pilots and Awards 2025-2026

Past recipients within the last 2 years are not eligible for the same pilot program.

Pilot	Eligibility	Launch Date	Amount and number of awards
HICCC Trainee Associate Membership Program Predoctoral Pilot Award <u>Focus:</u> support for Trainee Associate Member Research	- Available to HICCC Trainee Associate Members who are pre-doctoral graduate students at Columbia - Applicants should be in the early stages of a research project - Funds are to be applied to the use of a HICCC Shared Resource - Past recipients within the last 2 years are not eligible	October 2025	\$5,000 for 1 year Up to 4 awards

HICCC Trainee Associate Membership Program Postdoctoral Pilot Award <u>Focus:</u> support for Trainee Associate Member Research	• Available to HICCC Trainee Associate Members who are post-doctoral graduate students at Columbia • MD or MD Ph.D. clinical fellows/ instructors, Ph.D. postdoctoral fellows, and associate research scientists • Applicants should be in the early stages of a research project • Funds are to be applied to the use of a HICCC Shared Resource • Past recipients within the last 2 years are not eligible	October 2025	\$10,000 for 1 year Up to 4 awards
HICCC Trainee Associate Membership Paper of the Year Award <u>Focus:</u> support for Trainee Associate Members to attend the conference	• Available to HICCC Trainee Associate Membership funded to attend the conference • Accepted for presentation (oral or poster) at an upcoming meeting • Past recipients within the last 2 years are not eligible	April 2026	\$500 for each awardee Up to 6 awards
HICCC Trainee Associate Membership Travel Award <u>Focus:</u> support for Trainee Associate Members to attend the conference	• Available to HICCC Trainee Associate Membership funded for only one Travel Award in a 12-month period • Accepted for presentation (oral or poster) at an upcoming meeting • Past recipients within the last 2 years are not eligible	April 2026 July 2026 October 2026	\$1,000 12 awards annually