



Prostate Cancer
Foundation
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YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS PROGRAM



ABOUT THE PCF YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS PROGRAM

- The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) created the Young Investigator Awards program to identify and cultivate the future research leaders who will keep the field of prostate cancer research dynamic with new ideas.
- The Young Investigator Awards offer career and project support for proven, young (generally 35 and younger) investigators in postdoctoral fellowships or junior faculty positions to encourage commitment to careers in the field of prostate cancer research.

THE NEED

- As of 2017, 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime.
- The chance of being diagnosed with prostate cancer increases rapidly after age 50. About 6 in 10 of all prostate cancers are diagnosed in men over the age of 65.
- There are roughly 3 million men living with prostate cancer in the United States, representing 43% of all male cancer survivors in the U.S. This number is expected to increase to almost 4.2 million men by 2024.
- According to a 2015 study published in *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, our nation's lead in medical research investment – and the economic advantage that comes with it – has been slipping. In the past 30 years, the U.S. global share of research patents considered the most valuable dropped from 73% to 59%, and our nation's funding priorities are leaving major gaps in research.

“Of all the programs we’ve supported over the last generation, the biggest payoff in terms of social benefit has come from the awards to young investigators.”

— Michael Milken
PCF Chairman and Founder

INVESTING IN PEOPLE – CURING TOGETHER

Young Investigator Awards build human capital by attracting the youngest and brightest minds to the field. In 2007, the initiative began with \$300,000 when PCF awarded the very first pair of Young Investigators. Since then, thanks to the generosity of our donors, PCF has funded over \$47 million to 225 Young Investigators in 19 countries. In 2016 alone, PCF presented 26 awards totaling \$5.9 million to support the projects of young women and men blazing new trails in the battle against prostate cancer. These future leaders in science and medicine are keeping the field of prostate cancer research vibrant with new ideas.

PCF LEADERSHIP

- PCF's mission is to fund the world's most promising research to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of prostate cancer, to ultimately find a cure.
- PCF makes strategic investments in the most promising research, attracting brilliant scientists early in their careers. *PCF's approach has resulted in more than a 50% decline in the U.S. prostate cancer death rate since 1993; 6 new FDA-approved medicines developed in the past 6 years; and 4 prostate cancer discoveries that are saving lives in more than 15 other forms of cancer.*

THE PCF EFFECT

- PCF research projects are selected through a **competitive peer review process by the world's top cancer researchers**. These innovative ideas are often too early in their formulation to receive traditional bio-pharmaceutical investment or government funding.
- PCF's **unique venture philanthropy** approach to medical research funding sets us apart from other not-for-profit organizations. Smart philanthropic investors know this – and quietly but effectively make real differences in the battle against prostate cancer by supporting PCF.
- *PCF strategically leverages philanthropic investment.* A conservative assessment of leverage on philanthropic investment through PCF is 30:1. When innovative ideas and their discoveries become viable, projects receive millions in additional investment from bio-pharmaceutical companies and government funding, in turn pushing treatment advances to market.

SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Our research fights it. Your passion defeats it. We cure together.

- PCF welcomes philanthropists of all walks of life to **join our team** in the fight against prostate cancer **as a supporter of our Young Investigator program**. These awards jumpstart research programs for early career scientists and researchers working to benefit prostate cancer patients around the world.
- This investment in scientific progress and medical research will pay priceless dividends for generations to come. **Join us - we cure together.**



PCF Young Investigators and mentors present at PCF's 23rd Annual Scientific Retreat in October, 2016



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