

Thermo Fisher Scientific Announces OncoPrint Clinical Research Grant Program Call for Submissions to Support Research in Immuno-oncology

CARLSBAD, Calif., June 16, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Thermo Fisher Scientific today announced that submissions are now open for the [OncoPrint Clinical Research Grant](#) program to support clinical research projects in oncology. This grant aims to provide funding for high-quality molecular profiling studies focusing on the impact of immune-based treatments for cancer patients.

Through the OncoPrint Clinical Research Grant program, Thermo Fisher will award selected independent clinical research teams with financial support worth up to \$200,000 in reagents and general funding. The applications will be reviewed and evaluated by independent and internationally recognized experts. Grant proposals are now being accepted through July 16, 2021.

"The goal of immunotherapy is to provide the immune system with tools to recognize and fight cancers," said José Luis Costa, Ph.D., director of medical affairs for clinical next-generation sequencing and oncology at Thermo Fisher. "To ensure more patients may benefit from revolutionary immunotherapy-based drugs, further investigation is needed to validate predictive biomarkers that can be used to help identify treatment-eligible individuals. Through the OncoPrint Grant program, we're proud to provide support for cutting-edge projects to advance this promising area of research and possibly improve cancer patients' overall management."

Since its launch in 2020, the OncoPrint Clinical Research Grant has been awarded to eight projects worldwide, supporting research in areas including fusion genes detection in solid cancer and hemato-oncology. The most recent OncoPrint Clinical Research Grant call focused on advancing research in liquid biopsy, for which four proposals were selected for funding. Grant recipients include Stephen Fox, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Australia; Giulia Siravegna, Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, Boston; Beatriz Bellosillo, Hospital del Mar, Spain; and Leomar Y. Ballester, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston.

"This grant will allow us to efficiently characterize circulating free tumor DNA (ctDNA) isolated from ascites fluid in gastric cancer patients and compare it with matched peripheral blood ctDNA," said Dr. Giulia Siravegna, research staff, Massachusetts General Hospital Center and instructor in medicine, Harvard Medical School, Department of Medicine. "The use of ascitic fluid as a source for predictive and prognostic biomarkers is highly innovative and the ability to further our research in this area with the OncoPrint Clinical Research Grant will allow for rapid clinical translation and impactful patient results."

For more information on the OncoPrint Clinical Research Grant Program and how to submit proposals, please visit www.oncoPrint.com/grants.

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