



Key Dates

LOI Application Open: 8/1/25

Application Deadline: 8/22/25

Award Term: 1/1/26-12/31/28

About the Career Development Award:

The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation (CCF) Career Development Award (CDA) provides research funding to mid-career investigators who have received their initial faculty appointment and are working to establish an independent cholangiocarcinoma research program.

The CDA is a three-year grant totaling \$300,000, awarded in annual installments of \$100,000. Funding may be used to support personnel and/or research expenses, as well as travel to attend the CCF Annual Conference.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria to qualify for a CDA:

- **Hold a doctoral degree (MD, PhD, MD/PhD, or equivalent)** and a full-time, independent appointment at an academic, clinical, or research institution (in any country) at the time of application.
- Be in the fourth year or later of a full-time primary faculty appointment, **but has not yet attained a major leadership position**, such as department chair, division chief, or center director at the time of grant submission. Faculty appointment may begin with the entry-level faculty position within the applicant's institution (i.e., Instructor/Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Assistant Member).
- If the applicant is a clinician, they must have a valid, active medical license in the country where the research will be conducted at the time of application.
- **Has demonstrated early independent productivity**, such as:
 - Leading original research projects or clinical trials,
 - Serving as a principal investigator (PI) or co-PI on institutional or extramural funding (e.g., pilot grants, foundation support), and/or
 - Has a growing publication record, especially as a lead author (first, corresponding or senior).

- Be an ICRN member or have submitted a membership application with the grant application. To apply for new membership, or to renew an existing membership, go to [ICRN](#).
- Be able to commit at least **75% of full-time effort** in research (applies to total research, not just the proposed project) during the award period.
- Have a **mentor** from the sponsoring institution who must provide a letter of support. If the mentor is not an ICRN Member, a supporting letter from an ICRN Member from the sponsoring institution must be included.
- Be up-to-date and in compliance with all requirements (e.g., progress reports, final reports, budget summaries, IRB approvals, etc.) of any past grants received from the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation. Eligible applicants are allowed to hold only one active grant from the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation at a time.
- Applicants with **concurrent** federal career development awards (e.g., K23, K08, or any other type of career development award) and institutional training grants (T32, KL2/K12 or equivalent) are **not** eligible to apply.
- Applicants who have **previously** received early-career development awards (e.g., K08/K23, AGA Research Scholar, AASLD CDA) **may still be eligible** if they meet the time and independence criteria and have not yet transitioned to senior-investigator status.
- Applicants may **not** concurrently hold other career development awards from private foundations during the CDA-supported project term.
- Time-in-rank will be prorated for **career interruptions** (e.g., parental leave, illness, part-time status).