

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

2027 Sponsorship Prospectus

About the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation

The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation's (CCF) mission is to find a cure and improve the quality of life for those affected by cholangiocarcinoma (CCA). Founded in 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah, by a family who lost a loved one to the disease, CCF has grown into a global leader in patient support, education, advocacy, and funding basic, clinical, and translational research. CCF's core values are patients first, collaboration, innovation, and urgency.

"As a young investigator, it's an honor to receive the AstraZeneca/CCF Research Fellowship. I'm grateful to AstraZeneca for supporting our research and to CCF for making this opportunity possible."

*- Martina Nebbia,
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center,
2023 Research Fellowship Recipient*

About Our Research Fellowship Program

CCF's Research Fellowship Program advances scientific discovery by supporting the next generation of researchers through fellowship and grant opportunities. Launched in 2015 to fund innovative early-career investigators, the program has expanded to include the **Career Development Award** and **Innovation Grant**, supporting researchers at every career stage.

Since 2006, CCF has invested nearly **\$7.3 million** in cholangiocarcinoma research. CCF carefully selects award recipients to foster collaboration among researchers, institutions, and industry while encouraging the sharing of knowledge, samples, and expertise. Prior experience in cholangiocarcinoma research is not required, helping attract innovative ideas from across the scientific community.

The **1-Year CCF Research Fellowship** supports early-career scientists pursuing innovative research to advance the understanding and treatment of cholangiocarcinoma. Projects may explore disease biology, identify new therapeutic approaches, and improve understanding of patient responses to treatment.

Early funding helps investigators establish independent research programs and compete for larger grants, including funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Previous fellowship recipients may also apply for a second year of support. CCF aims to award **10 fellowships annually**.

A sponsorship of **\$85,000** funds one early-career researcher, supporting innovative research with the potential to improve treatments and outcomes for patients with cholangiocarcinoma.

Recipients are announced at CCF's Annual Conference, with awards beginning in July. If all fellowships for the current funding cycle are funded before a company's contribution is received, the contribution will automatically support fellowships in the next funding cycle unless otherwise requested in writing.



81
FELLOWSHIPS
AWARDED



\$4.685
MILLION FOR
RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM



38
INSTITUTIONS
FUNDED

7
COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED

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Why Become a Sponsor?

Sponsoring a Research Fellowship demonstrates your company's commitment to advancing cholangiocarcinoma research and improving patient outcomes. This unrestricted grant supports innovative investigators while strengthening your organization's reputation, fostering collaboration with leading researchers, and helping advance the next generation of scientific discoveries.

Sponsorship Benefits

To ensure sponsors receive the full range of recognition opportunities, CCF requests that sponsorship commitments be submitted by **January 31, 2027**. We understand internal approval timelines vary and are happy to work with your organization if additional flexibility is needed.

Named Research Fellowship

Your company will be recognized as the official fellowship sponsor (e.g., *Company Name/CCF Research Fellowship*), with recognition across award announcements, conference materials, promotional communications, and the CCF website.

Recognition at the 2027 Annual Conference

Receive recognition during the fellowship award presentation before leading researchers, clinicians, advocates, patients, caregivers and industry representatives.

Recognition in the 2027 Annual Conference Digital Program

Receive sponsor recognition in the CCF Annual Conference digital program distributed to all attendees.

Recognition on One CCF Social Media Post

Receive recognition in one dedicated social media post shared with CCF's **67,000+ followers**, highlighting your support of CCA research.

Recognition in the CCF Annual Report

Receive recognition as a fellowship sponsor in the CCF Annual Report, reaching an estimated audience of **15,000**.

Recognition in Award-Related Presentations and Publications

Receive sponsor recognition in award-related presentations and publications.

Recognition on the CCF Research Awards Webpage

Your named fellowship will be featured on CCF's Research Awards webpage, highlighting current and past research awards.

For more information about CCF's Research Fellowship application guidelines and funding opportunities, visit the **Research Program** webpage at curecca.org/rf.

Industry-Supported Research Fellowships



2026 AstraZeneca/CCF Research Fellowship

Enis Ozmert
Mayo Clinic

Targeting Bile Acid-TGR5 Signaling as an Innovative Immunotherapeutic Approach in CCA



2025 AstraZeneca/CCF Research Fellowship

Soravis Osataphan
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Mapping the tumor and immune microenvironment in liver-fluke-associated cholangiocarcinoma



2025 Merck/CCF Research Fellowship

Binbin Li
Mayo Clinic

Chemotherapy-Induced Senescence Promotes Tumor Immunosuppression in Cholangiocarcinoma



2024 AstraZeneca/CCF Research Fellowship

Pilar Acedo
Royal Free Hospital

Unraveling fibroinflammatory and immune signatures in PSC and CCA by spatial multiomics



2023 AstraZeneca/CCF Research Fellowship

Martina Nebbia
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

A safety switch for safe clinical application of tumor antigen-specific CAR T-cell immunotherapy in IHCC