

# Research Support Announcement

## 2026 MSTS/Sarcoma Strong Inc. Request For Applications (RFA) – STL Cure Sarcoma Research Award

### I. Key Dates

- RFA Release Date: January 22, 2026
- Application Deadline: March 23, 2026 (pdf file to [info@msts.org](mailto:info@msts.org))
- Peer Review: April – May 2026
- Funding Announcements: June 2026
- Start Date: July 1, 2026
- End Date: June 30, 2027 (a No Cost Extension is possible until December 1, 2027)
- Final Reporting: Due within 6 months of completion of research. It is expected that awardees will submit abstracts to the MSTS Annual and/or Specialty Day meetings

### II. Program Description

Sarcoma Strong Inc., through a generous collaboration with STL Cure Sarcoma organization, will support the MSTS to provide a \$50,000 one-year grant for innovative sarcoma research. The Mission of Sarcoma Strong Inc. is "...to generate funds to sponsor research that may improve the ability to diagnose and treat sarcoma." The MSTS and Sarcoma Strong Inc. recognize the urgent need to provide MSTS members with opportunities to perform clinical, translational, or basic sarcoma research by exploring subjects such as comparative clinical trial, cancer detection, immunotherapy, cellular signaling, genomic sequencing, liquid biopsy, artificial intelligence, prospective registry, and other contemporary research concepts. Descriptive research on data collection will be of lesser priority. It is expected that recipients of this award will apply for NIH R03/R21/R01 Grants or OREF Grants within 2 years of the last grant funding cycle. Recipients are expected to attend a parent institutional, regional, or national grant writing workshop.

### III. Eligibility

The Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-Investigator must be an MSTS member in good standing at an institution with an appropriate research infrastructure. Recipients of prior MSTS grants within the past two years will not be eligible. **Recipients of NIH R01/R03/R21 or K-grants, DOD, NSF, and OREF grants are eligible to apply.**

### IV. Grant Application Format and Page Limit (Arial font Size 11; 0.5-inch margin top, bottom, right, left)

- Cover Page (SF424 R&R form is available at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/forms-directory/standard-form-424-research-related>). Click on SF424(R&R) (PDF).
- NIH-format 5-page biosketches for the PI and other Key Personnel (Samples and Forms are available at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>)
- One-Page Specific Aims
- Up to 6-page Research Plan including figures (Significance, Innovation, Approach and Preliminary Data)
- Literature Cited; IRB/IACUC approval; Letters of support; Other forms (Not included in the page limit)
- IACUC/IRB approval will be required before funds are disbursed
- An itemized budget must be included

### V. Review Criteria & Peer Review

NIH Review Format: Overall Impact (Significance; Innovation; Investigators; Approach; Environment; Fitness to the mission of Sarcoma Strong as articulated above). Proposals will be reviewed by MSTS Research Committee members. Established MSTS investigators may be recruited as reviewers on an *ad hoc* basis.

### VI. Inquiries

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