

## FY27 Innovation Accelerator | Research Track Application

Thank you for your interest in the Penn Cancer Innovation Accelerator. Please review the [program description](#) prior to submitting. You must be a PC3I faculty or fellow to apply. Submit your application materials to [sarah.winawer-wetzel@penncare.upenn.edu](mailto:sarah.winawer-wetzel@penncare.upenn.edu). **Applications are accepted until 11:59pm on September 30, 2026.**

**A. Research Proposal:** Include all the following components and submit as a single pdf (single-spaced, 11-point font).

### A1. Cover Sheet

- **PI name**
  - Please identify if the PI is a PC3I faculty member or fellow.
- **Co-I name(s)**
- **Project Title**

### A2. Project Description

- **Scientific Abstract (500 words max):** Brief summary of the research, including Background, Objective/Hypothesis, Specific Aim(s), Study Design, and Potential Impact for Cancer Care Delivery. The final sentence of the abstract should summarize the focus and relevance to cancer care delivery of the project in nonscientific terms.
- **Post-Project Goals (250 words max):** Please provide a statement that indicates how this proposal will lead to future grant funding applications.
- **Cross-Disciplinary Impact (150 words max):** How will your project advance cross-disciplinary impact and collaborations across PC3I's [Programs](#)?
- **Mentorship (150 words max):** Please describe your plan or seeking out mentorship (including any named mentors) as it relates to this project. *(Required for junior faculty and fellows only.)*

### A3. Research Plan

- **Research Plan (3 pages max):** Please upload a Research Plan that contains Specific Aims, Significance/Background, Innovation, and Research Design with methods. (Full citations for any references cited must be included as a bibliography, but do not count toward the three-page limit.)

**B. Additional Required Materials:** Submit the following materials in the same email as the research proposal.

### B1. Budget & Funding

- **Budget:** [Using this budget template](#), please provide a project budget.
- **Budget Justification & Statement of Overlap:** Please provide a budget justification in a word document. Note that the budget may not include travel or salary support for faculty. If you have any current funding for the proposed project, whether external or internal, please include a description of any scientific overlap and how this funding will expand upon current funding.

### B2. Biosketches

- Please include recent NIH biosketch(es) for yourself and any co-Investigators. Biosketches can be in the new or old NIH format.