The Associate Board of Lurie Cancer Center is a group of young professionals dedicated to advancing cancer research, education, patient care, and community benefit by funding cutting-edge research at Lurie Cancer Center. Annual fundraising efforts by the Board will support the work of Lurie Cancer Center investigators.

The Board is soliciting grant applications to support “high risk, high reward” projects that have the potential to drive novel and innovative patient care avenues with the aim of saving lives. Clinical trial studies will be considered, and funding is intended to support the development and performance of a new clinical trial or supplement an existing clinical trial with an added innovative/novel branch, direction, or side project. A single annual award of up to $50,000 will be made following submission of the application, proposal presentation to the Board, and a grant review of all applications by Board members. Recipients of the award will be known as the Associate Board Innovative Clinical Trial Scholars. The Clinical Trial Award is a philanthropic gift, not sponsored research.

Applicants, who must be members of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, should submit:

1. A ≤ 1-page proposal consisting of:
   a. An overview of the ongoing or newly-proposed clinical trial – including background and significance
   b. Proposed use for Associate Board funds, including justification
   c. Brief research design/methods overview for the project to be funded
   d. A section describing the novel and innovative features of the proposed clinical trial and/or supplement
   e. A section describing the project’s potential to impact patients and the LCC

   Note: References may be included on additional pages. Use of images, schematics, and figures to enrich/facilitate reader understanding is highly encouraged.

**Note: this proposal should be written for an audience of non-experts (i.e., the Associate Board members)**