

BREAST CANCER ALLIANCE AWARDS \$1.3M IN GRANTS TO ADVANCE RESEARCH, BREAST SURGICAL ONCOLOGY TRAINING, AND ACCESS TO CARE

GREENWICH, CT, CT, UNITED STATES, May 30, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Breast Cancer Alliance (BCA), one of the nation's leading and most impactful nonprofit breast cancer organizations, proudly announces the awarding of \$1.3 million in 2025 grants supporting groundbreaking research, breast surgical oncology fellowships, and expanded access to screening and



diagnostic services for underserved communities. Since its inception in 1996, BCA has invested over \$37 million in grants supporting its mission to improve survival rates and quality of life for those impacted by breast cancer.



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BCA's 2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS:

Exceptional Project Research Grant Recipients

Awarded to established investigators pursuing innovative, high-impact research in breast

cancer.

- Pietro Genovese, PhD, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA, Redirecting B cell specificity to improve immunotherapy of breast cancer, Deborah G. Black Memorial Research Grant
- Claudia Fischbach-Teschl, PhD, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, Seizing control: Matrix regulation of breast cancer bone metastasis
- Agnel Sfeir, PhD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, Investigating the impact of mutagenic DNA repair by MMEJ on therapy resistance
- Melanie Rutkowski, PhD, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, Defining how the gut microbiome promotes lung-associated metastasis of breast tumor cells

Young Investigator Research Grant Recipients

Seed funding awarded to early-career scientists to help advance novel hypotheses to secure larger long-term funding.

- Xiaojing Huang, MD, PhD, Rockefeller University, New York, NY, Functional consequences of obesity-dependent changes in adipose and tumor macrophage metabolism in breast cancer
- Petria Thompson, MD, PhD, University of California, San Francisco, CA, Targeting CDK2 to develop combinational strategies to target metastatic breast cancer
- Remco Bastiaannet, BSc, MSc, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, Paving the Way for Combination Therapies in HER2+ Metastatic Breast Cancer Treated with Alpha-Emitter Radiopharmaceutical Therapy

Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Recipients

Awarded to Society of Surgical Oncology accredited institutions in NY, NJ, and CT to train future leaders in breast surgery.

- Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY, Andrew Seto, MD, BCA Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Grant
- Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, Hannah Naughton, MD, Rodkin Family Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Grant
- Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, Alanna Hickey, MD, Pierre Fabre USA Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Grant
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, Taylor Maramara, MD, Jane and Alan Batkin Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Grant

Screening and Diagnostic Support Grant Recipients

Supporting critical breast cancer screening, diagnostic imaging, and patient navigation services for underserved communities.

- Danbury Hospital & New Milford Hospital, New Milford, CT
- Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich, CT
- Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT
- Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain, CT, Eisai USA Foundation Grant
- Norma F. Pfriem Breast Center / Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport, CT, Mitchell Family Grant
- Norwalk Hospital / Whittingham Cancer Center, Norwalk, CT
- St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport, CT

- Stamford Hospital, Stamford, CT, Omnicom Group Grant
- White Plains Hospital, White Plains, NY

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