CYTOART
Precision CAR-T Monitoring

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CytoArt Early-Career CAR-T Discovery Award

Advancing bold early-career research in CAR-T cell biology, immune engineering, and translational cell therapy

Award	Audience	Deadline	Notification
$10,000 in CytoArt reagents	Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows	June 30, 2026	By July 30, 2026

Award Overview

CytoArt is pleased to launch the CytoArt Early-Career CAR-T Discovery Award, a competitive research support program for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows advancing fundamental and translational questions in CAR-T cell biology.

Selected awardees will receive $10,000 in CytoArt research-use reagents to support projects focused on CAR-T function, persistence, exhaustion, tumor recognition, immune modulation, manufacturing workflows, or related areas of cell therapy research.

Priority Research Areas

Projects may address, but are not limited to:

- CAR-T cell activation, expansion, exhaustion, or persistence
- CAR-T function in solid tumor microenvironments
- Cytokine signaling, immune suppression, or T-cell fitness
- Assay development for CAR-T characterization
- Translational workflows that improve reproducibility or scalability

Eligibility

- Current PhD students, MD/PhD students, equivalent graduate researchers, and postdoctoral fellows at academic or nonprofit research institutions in the United States or European Union are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must propose a research project related to CAR-T cell biology, immune engineering, oncology, or translational cell therapy research.
- Applicants should identify the CytoArt reagents they anticipate using and explain how those reagents support the proposed work.

What Awardees Receive

- $10,000 in eligible CytoArt research-use reagents. All off-the-shelf CytoArt reagents that are appropriate for the proposed project qualify, subject to availability.
- A 12-month use period. Reagents may be drawn down at any time within 12 months of the award.
- Scientific visibility through a non-confidential awardee announcement or project spotlight, with awardee and institutional approval.

Award Terms

- Shipping and import costs. Domestic and international shipping, duties, taxes, customs, and related import costs are the responsibility of the awardee or the awardee's institution.
- Publication acknowledgement. CytoArt must be named as the supplier of any CytoArt reagents used in resulting publications, presentations, posters, or other public outputs where acknowledgement is appropriate.
- Research independence. CytoArt will not influence study design, data interpretation, publication decisions, authorship, or conclusions. Awardees retain full control of their data, intellectual property, and publication strategy.
- No data sharing obligation. Awardees are not required to share unpublished data with CytoArt. Any voluntary data sharing, testimonial, case study, or project spotlight will require written approval from the awardee and, where applicable, the institution.
- Reagent use. Reagents are intended for use by the applicant's research group for the approved project and may not be resold, transferred, or used outside applicable product specifications. Products are for research use where applicable.

Awardee Visibility and Ethical Engagement

To support transparency and responsible scientific communication, CytoArt may request permission to feature awardees through non-confidential program communications. These activities are designed to recognize early-career scientists and build awareness of the award without compromising research independence.

- CytoArt may announce awardees by name, institution, project title, and non-confidential research focus after approval.
- Awardees may be invited to provide an optional quote, short interview, webinar participation, poster spotlight, or product feedback.
- CytoArt will not disclose confidential research details, unpublished findings, proprietary methods, or institutional information without written approval from the awardee and institution.

How to Apply

Submit a one- to two-page PDF summary of your proposed project to awards@cytoart.com. The summary should include:

- Background — the scientific context and unmet need.
- Aims — the specific questions the project will address.
- Approach — the experimental strategy and key assays to be used.
- Expected reagent use — which CytoArt products the applicant anticipates using and how.
- Significance — the expected impact of the work on CAR-T cell biology or translational cell therapy research.
- Non-confidential project summary — a brief description that CytoArt may use for internal review and, with approval, awardee communications.

Review and Selection

Applications will be reviewed by CytoArt's scientific review team, with external scientific input where appropriate. Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Scientific merit
- Innovation
- Feasibility within the award period
- Relevance to CAR-T cell biology, immune engineering, or translational cell therapy
- Appropriate and justified use of CytoArt reagents
- Potential impact on the field

Compliance and Institutional Responsibilities

Applicants are responsible for obtaining any required institutional approvals, including biosafety, IRB, IACUC, material transfer, import, customs, or other institutional approvals where applicable. Applicants are also responsible for confirming that participation in the award program complies with their institution's policies.

Equal Opportunity Statement

CytoArt is committed to equal opportunity in research support. Applications are evaluated based on scientific merit, feasibility, relevance, and potential impact. CytoArt welcomes applicants regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status, and strongly encourages submissions from researchers historically underrepresented in the life sciences.

Why This Award Matters

Early-career scientists often drive the boldest experimental ideas while facing the greatest resource constraints. CytoArt created this award to help promising researchers test high-impact CAR-T hypotheses with fewer reagent barriers.

Learn More

Please submit applications to awards@cytoart.com. Learn more at www.cytoart.com.

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