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Letter to the editor: New cancer research

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Medical research has a new funding program to encourage urgently needed scientific discovery about cancer. The National Cancer Institute has announced an Outstanding Investigator Award program which opens this month. It is to provide long-term financial support to scientists who are experienced researchers and have outstanding records of research productivity. The grants will be for seven years, with a possible three-year extension. The new NCI program is to encourage accomplished scientists to conduct innovative cancer research on topics of high priority, and to give them an opportunity to take greater risks and the time to develop new techniques. We have urged the NCI to make Outstanding Investigator Awards to scientists for research on the cause of metastasis of cancer, which is responsible for 90 percent of cancer deaths, and how to prevent and control it. Please write to the Director of the NCI and the NCI Council of Research Advocates if you also want increased funding and research of metastasis through the new NCI Outstanding Investigator Award program.

Editor's note: Miers is director of the Charlene Miers Foundation for Cancer Research in Tulsa.