

RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Since 2003, the Breast Cancer Coalition has awarded \$1,126,125 to regional researchers. The Breast Cancer Coalition awards two breast cancer research grants: \$25,000 for Pre-Doctoral Trainees and / or \$50,000 for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Faculty applicants. These grants fund innovative projects in Central and Western New York with the potential for significant medical breakthroughs in the prevention and cause of breast cancer, prevention of metastasis, and cure.

Our research funds come from private and corporate donations and events. Every donated dollar designated for research is spent on research. We do not subtract management or administrative fees from these funds.

Our Research Advisory Board is comprised of breast cancer survivors, scientists, researchers, and clinicians. We facilitate training of breast cancer survivor advocates to act as research proposal reviewers alongside members of our scientific community. Survivor advocates share unique perspectives and speak knowledgeably to lay audiences about new research methods.

We are the only community-based breast cancer organization in the state to undertake such an initiative. Grants have been awarded to:

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| <p>2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Ryan, PhD candidate, University of Rochester (\$25,000) <p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anushka Dongre, PhD, Cornell University, Faculty (\$50,000) • Nicole Dominique Sempertegui, PhD candidate, Cornell University (\$25,000) • Emily Campbell Whitt, PhD candidate, University of Rochester (\$25,000) <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangwoo Park, PhD candidate, Cornell University (\$25,000) <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sagar R. Shah, PhD, Cornell University (\$25,000) • Tao Dai, PhD candidate, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center (\$25,000) | <p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Isaac Harris, Assistant Professor, the University of Rochester Medical Center and Associate Member at Wilmot Cancer Center (\$50,000) • Matthew Lee Tan, PhD candidate, Cornell University (\$25,000) <p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark David Noble, PhD, Martha M. Freeman, MD, University of Rochester (\$50,000) • Danielle Erin Desa, PhD candidate, University of Rochester (\$25,000) <p>2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott A. Coonrod, PhD, Cornell University (\$50,000) • Arash Latifkar, PhD candidate, Cornell University (\$25,000) <p>2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Repasky, PhD, Roswell Park Cancer Institute (\$50,000) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Lukey, PhD candidate, Cornell University (\$25,000) <p>2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Schimenti, PhD, Cornell University, Faculty (\$50,000) • Sharon S. Evans, PhD, Roswell Park Alliance Foundation (\$50,000) <p>2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zheniqiang Yao, MD, University of Rochester (\$50,000) <p>2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gokul M. Das, PhD, Roswell Park Cancer Institute (\$50,000) • Helene McMurray, PhD and Mark D. Noble, PhD, University of Rochester (\$50,000) <p>2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan P. Dawes, PhD candidate, University of Rochester (\$56,125) • Ashwani K. Sood, PhD, Roswell Park Cancer Institute (\$50,000) | <p>2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicoletta Sacchi, PhD, Roswell Park Cancer Institute (\$40,000) <p>2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Guzman, PhD, University of Rochester (\$40,000) • Kelley Madden, PhD, University of Rochester (\$40,000) <p>2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bendicht U. Pauli, M.S., D.V.M., PhD, Cornell University (\$50,000) <p>2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keshav K. Singh, PhD, Roswell Park Cancer Institute (\$40,000) <p>2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Okunieff, MD, University of Rochester (\$35,000) <p>2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mesut Muyan, DVM, PhD, University of Rochester (\$25,000) |
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OUR MISSION

**To cultivate community among those touched by breast or gynecologic cancer;
to empower informed decision-making through education, support, and advocacy; and
to advance research in our region with the goal of eradicating breast cancer.**

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1997, the Coalition is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. We are the only full-service, independently-operated, community-based organization focused specifically on breast and gynecologic cancers in the Central and Western New York regions.

We are a diverse group of breast and gynecologic cancer advocates. We are survivors, thrivers, warriors, and activists. We are women, men, families, partners, mothers, sisters, daughters, friends, and others dedicated to our mission. As a proud recipient of the 2018 Ethies Award by Elevate Rochester, we prioritize our high ethical standards in all that we do.

WHY WE ARE HERE

Breast and gynecologic cancers are major health problems in New York State. Breast cancer represents over 28% of all malignancies among women and is the number one cause of cancer deaths in women between the ages of 20 and 54. Those predisposed to breast cancer may be at higher risk for gynecologic cancer.

The prevalence of these cancers has fueled our concern for the future health of our children, grandchildren, siblings, parents, and friends. This motivates us to educate and advocate throughout our region.

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Advocacy.

- Active Advocacy Committee
- The New York State Safe Cosmetics Act
- Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act
- Staff and Emerging Leaders attend the NBCC's Advocacy Leadership Training Summit

Education.

- Local experts present latest findings at Evening Seminars.
- Showcase articles in our newsletter, blog, and social media.
- Letter writing campaigns.
- Provide safe product resources on our website.

Research.

- Keep up to date on latest research.
- Research Committee members attend the NBCC's Advocacy Leadership Training.
- Accept research proposals for review and potential funding.

Support.

- Provide safe products to newly diagnosed individuals through PALS program.
- Support Groups have entertained this topic for discussion.
- Provide a platform for breast & gynecologic cancer survivors to advocate for safe products and labeling.