



Cancer Research Program 2026-2027

For almost 50 years the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas has partnered with The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UT Health Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences to present more than 135 Fellowship grants valued at almost \$1.6 million to high-achieving doctoral students.

This unique Texas program began even before that with an idea and vision after WWII to build a state-of-the-art cancer research hospital in Houston. With the help of amazing women like Myra Hester and Frances Goff, the idea of furnishing a nursing care unit has grown into an extremely successful hospital.

These fellowships are awarded to promising researchers, giving them the support they need to continue their important work. The fellowship provides funding that can be used where it is needed, whether that's tuition, books, food, housing, research expenses, or other educational costs. By easing financial burdens, these fellowships allow recipients to focus on what matters most: finding the next breakthrough in the fight against cancer.

Members of the American Legion Family raise thousands of dollars each year to support this amazing partnership to fight against one of the most challenging medical conditions of our time. Our Cancer Research Program is about more than raising dollars—it's about raising hope. Every donation we make helps advance research that leads to better treatments, longer lives, and brighter tomorrows for veterans, their families, and people everywhere.

Every fundraiser, every donation, and every act of support helps make these opportunities possible. Together, we are investing in dedicated researchers whose discoveries could change lives for generations to come.

Let's continue to give with generous hearts, knowing that every dollar brings us one step closer to a world without cancer.

These scholarships are awarded at a special luncheon in Houston every year where the ALA is invited to see the research working to find a cure.

“Together We Fund Hope” “Together We Fight Cancer” “Together We Make a Difference”

AWARDS:

- Each Unit donating to the Cancer Research Program will receive a Certificate of Appreciation
- The Unit with the highest donations received at Department by May 15, 2027, will receive a plaque and certificate.
- Units with the 2nd and 3rd highest donations received by May 15, 2027, will receive a ribbon and certificate.
- The Division with the highest donations will receive a “Special Award”

REPORTING:

- Cancer Research activities are reported under the Education program; be sure and include any donations, hours, and activities with your narrative to the Education Committee. Send a copy to us as well so we can recognize your efforts in our reports- email to

Committee

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Reporting Form

Unit Name _____ Unit # _____ District # _____ Division # _____

Chairman/President: _____

Address: _____ Phone : _____

Did your Unit donate to the ALA Department of Texas Cancer Research Program: Yes, _____ No _____

How much did your Unit Donate: _____ How many Volunteer Hours: _____

Please write a narrative explaining how your Unit raised funds for the ALA Department of Texas Cancer Research Program, you may use extra pages if needed.