



2024 YIA winners (from left):  
Zachary Burke, MD; Alexander Muir, PhD;  
Andreas Rauschecker, MD, PhD, MSc,  
James Smithy, MD, MHS;  
Jennifer N. Vega, PhD



# NCCN Foundation<sup>®</sup> Young Investigator Awards (YIA) Program

## Investing in Innovative Cancer Research and Supporting the Next Generation of Cancer Researchers

- More than 75 investigators have been awarded nearly \$11.1 million, since program's launch in 2011
- Awards are for a duration of 2 years
- Amount of a full award is \$150,000
- Candidates are nominated by NCCN Member Institutions
- Awardees contribute significant new knowledge to advance cancer care, become new leaders in the field of oncology, and more!

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## Hall of Fame

### 2011

**Kenneth Carson, MD**, Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine

**Reshma Jagsi, MD, DPhil**, University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

**Joanne Lester, PhD, CNP, AOCN**, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

**Nadine Jackson McCleary, MD, MPH**, Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center | Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center

**William Tew, MD**, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

### 2012

**Piero Dalerba, MD**, Stanford Cancer Institute

**Crystal Denlinger, MD**, Fox Chase Cancer Center

**Ronan Kelly, MD**, The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

**Elissa Ozanne, PhD**, UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

### 2013

**Karl Bilimoria, MD, MS**, Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University

**Yiping He, PhD**, Duke Cancer Institute

**Phillip Pierorazio, MD**, The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

**Sue Yom, MD, PhD**, UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

### 2014

**James Murphy, MD, MS**, UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center

**Jae Park, MD**, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

**Ashley Rosko, MD**, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

**Terri Woodard, MD**, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

**Jing Xia, PhD**, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

### 2015

**James Blachly, MD**, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

**Roisin Connolly, MBBCh**, The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

**Areej El-Jawahri, MD**, Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center | Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center

**Douglas Johnson, MD, MSCI**, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

**Todd Morgan, MD**, University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

**Christine Veenstra, MD, MSPH**, University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

**Alpa Nick, MD**, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

### 2016

**James Chen, MD**, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

**Ryan Nipp, MD, MPH**, Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center | Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center

**Elias Obeid, MD, MPH**, Fox Chase Cancer Center

**Saul Priceman, PhD**, City of Hope National Medical Center

**Kathryn Ruddy, MD, MPH**, Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

**Daniel Sherbenou, MD, PhD**, University of Colorado Cancer Center

**Geoffrey Sonn, MD**, Stanford Cancer Institute

### 2017

**Kemi Doll, MD, MSCR**, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

**Saad J. Kenderian, MB ChB**, Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

**Florian Muller, PhD**, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

**Elizabeth Stewart, MD**, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

**Liqin Zhu, PhD**, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

### 2018

**Rebecca Arend, MD**, O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB

**Yin Cao, MPH, ScD**, Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine

**Tim Luetkens, MD**, Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah

**Edwin R. Manuel, PhD**, City of Hope National Medical Center

**Cecilia Yeung, MD**, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

### 2019

**Prasanna Ananth, MD, MPH**, Yale Cancer Center/Smilow Cancer Hospital

**Jaehyuk Choi, MD, PhD**, Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University

**Kedar Kirtane, MD**, Moffitt Cancer Center

**Yanming Li, PhD**, University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

### 2020

**Agnieszka Czechowicz, MD, PhD**, Stanford Cancer Institute

**Wade T. Iams, MD**, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

**Shivan Mehta, MD, MBA, MSHP**, Abramson Cancer Center at the University of Pennsylvania

**Mustafa Raouf, MD**, City of Hope National Medical Center

**Jennifer Y. Sheng, MD**, The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

**Omar Y. Mian, MD, PhD**, Case Comprehensive Cancer Center/University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center and Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Institute

### 2021

**Esra Akbay, PhD**, UT Southwestern Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center

**William C. Jackson, MD**, University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

**Everett Moding, MD, PhD**, Stanford Cancer Institute

**Neelima Navuluri, MD, MPH**, Duke Cancer Institute

**Ravi Parikh, MD, MPP**, Abramson Cancer Center at the University of Pennsylvania

**Deborah Stephens, DO**, Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah

**Caitlin Zebley, MD, PhD**, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

### 2022

**Christos Fountzilas, MD**, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

**Zachary Frosch, MD**, Fox Chase Cancer Center

**Chad Tang, MD**, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

**Shuang (George) Zhao, MD, MSE**, University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center

**Ana Tergas, MD, MPH**, City of Hope National Medical Center

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**Kimberley Lee, MD**, Moffitt Cancer Center

**Yuxuan Wang, MD, PhD**, The Sidney Kimmel  
Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns  
Hopkins

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Kettering Cancer Center

**Jennifer N. Vega, PhD**, Vanderbilt-Ingram  
Cancer Center