Our Mission
To accelerate breakthroughs, the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation provides today’s best young scientists with funding to pursue innovative cancer research.

Research Programs
- 182 scientists are currently being funded at 54 leading institutions in 19 states.
- $14 million of new awards were funded in 2015.
- Since 1946, Damon Runyon has invested over $300 million in more than 3,500 scientists.

Financial Information
Total Revenue.........................................$26.1 million
- Donations and income........................................64.1%
- Return on investment........................................35.9%

Expenses.................................................$18.3 million
- Programs......................................................85.3%
- Administration.............................................14.7%

100% of donations fund cancer research.

Our low administrative costs are paid from Damon Runyon Broadway Tickets and our endowment.

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In 2015, Damon Runyon scientists gained even more insight into the genetic drivers of cancer, leading to cutting-edge new treatments.

Damon Runyon Scientists

- Identified new genetic mutations linked to ovarian and lung cancer through innovative analyses of cancer genomes.
- Found potential new targeted drugs for treatment of metastasized sarcoma, melanoma, and breast cancers.
- Developed a “Tumor Paint” that allows surgeons to identify and remove cancer cells in real time, which was granted FDA Orphan Drug Designation.
- Discovered that blocking a cellular mechanism called nonsense-mediated mRNA decay can make chemotherapy more effective.
- Used CRISPR gene editing technology to conduct a genome-wide screening that lends new insight into tumor onset and metastasis.

Awards and Honors

Former Fellows Brenda L. Bass, PhD, Jeffery F. Miller, PhD, and Danny F. Reinberg, PhD, were elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences.

Former Fellow and current Damon Runyon Board Member Elaine V. Fuchs, PhD, received the E. B. Wilson Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the American Society for Cell Biology, for her pioneering work.

Alumnus Howard Y. Chang, MD, PhD, received the 2015 Paul Marks Prize for Cancer Research, which recognizes promising investigators under 45 for their efforts in advancing cancer research.

Former Damon Runyon scientists Joseph D. Mougous, PhD, Pardis C. Sabeti, MD, DPhil, Joanna K. Wysocka, PhD, and Jennifer A. Zallen, PhD, were named HHMI Investigators in recognition of their scientific excellence.

Two former Damon Runyon Fellows, Robert S. Lahue, PhD, and David Mu, PhD, directly contributed to the DNA repair work honored with the 2015 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

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