
Discovering the Talent to Discover the Cure

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

Scientific Awards

Our award programs are targeted to have the greatest impact on cancer research. We foster new generations of exceptional scientists and fill gaps in traditional research funding that threaten future breakthroughs.

▼
191

SCIENTISTS
CURRENTLY FUNDED
AT 60 INSTITUTIONS

▼
\$17.5M

NEW AWARDS
FUNDED IN 2016

▼
\$320M

INVESTED IN
3,550 SCIENTISTS
SINCE 1946

EXAMPLES OF CURRENT RESEARCH

Identifying new drug targets in cancer cells • Understanding cancer metastasis • Developing cancer vaccines
• Improving cancer immunotherapy • Seeking early biomarkers of cancer • The human microbiome and cancer

▼
100%

OF DONATIONS FUND CANCER RESEARCH

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

www.damonrunyon.org
1.877.7CANCER

One Exchange Plaza
55 Broadway, Suite 302
New York, NY 10006



70 YEARS *of progress*

December 15, 2016, marks 70 years since our founding by Walter Winchell in memory of Damon Runyon (Guys & Dolls). Thanks to support from donors like you, we have come far. We now know what causes cancer and have developed new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat it. Today, novel therapies are saving the lives of those who likely would not have even survived if they were diagnosed just ten years ago. Progress is accelerating rapidly, and we plan to be out of business long before the next 70th comes around.

Impact on Cancer

1946-1960's

- ▶ Damon Runyon founded
- ▶ Proved the link between cigarettes and lung cancer
 - ▶ First cured a solid tumor with chemotherapy

1970's-1990's

- ▶ Identified the first cancer-causing gene
- ▶ Co-discovered BRCA1, a breast cancer-causing gene
 - ▶ Co-developed Herceptin

2000's-TODAY

- ▶ Discovery, development and approval of immunotherapies
 - ▶ Co-led the Cancer Genome Atlas project
- ▶ Developed revolutionary tools to edit the human genome
 - ▶ Proved that aspirin can reduce colon cancer risk

And the list goes on...

A STELLAR TRACK RECORD

12 Damon Runyon award recipients have received the Nobel Prize. Our award winners are leaders of major research institutions and cancer research programs around the globe. Most importantly, they are saving countless lives.
