

CALL FOR POSTER SUBMISSIONS

2026 Think Tank on Advancing Precision Medicine in Rare Cancers: The Evan Schumacher Fund for Rare Cancer Research Early Investigator Award

Encouraging Early Career Investigators to Make a Difference in Rare Cancers

TargetCancer Foundation is pleased to invite early investigators (within 5 years of fellowship or terminal degree) from universities, medical, and scientific institutions to submit an abstract for the upcoming **Think Tank on Advancing Precision Medicine in Rare Cancers on November 12, 2026 in Boston, MA.**

The Evan Schumacher Fund for Rare Cancer Research Early Investigator Award honors the life of Evan Schumacher by supporting early career investigators who are focused on studying rare cancers. This award will be given to the top three abstracts selected from a competitive pool of submissions, and will be accompanied by a cash award and the opportunity to present to a group of rare cancer and precision medicine leaders at the Think Tank on Advancing Precision Medicine in Rare Cancers on November 12:

1st: \$4,000 award, an opportunity to present the abstract live at the Think Tank, and also present the related poster at the evening reception.

2nd: \$2,000 award, plus an opportunity to present the related poster at the evening reception.

3rd: \$1,000 award, plus an opportunity to present the related poster at the evening reception.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- **Eligibility:** Undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral researchers from universities and academic centers as well as any early investigator (within 5 years of fellowship or terminal degree).
- **Abstract Topics:** Research focused on rare cancers, including but not limited to clinical, translational, epidemiological, and basic science studies.
- **Abstract Word Limit:** Maximum 300 words.
- **Format:** Title, authors, affiliations, background, methods, results, and conclusions.
- **Submission Deadline:** **September 8, 2026**
- **Notification of Acceptance:** **October 2, 2026**

WHY SUBMIT?

- Showcase your research to experts in the field.
- Network with leading researchers and fellow young investigators.
- Receive valuable feedback and collaboration opportunities.
- Selected presenters will receive reimbursement for travel expenses.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Submit your abstract via this form: <https://targetcancer.short.gy/rarecancerabstract>

For event details, visit: <https://targetcancer.org/thinktank>

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Join us in advancing rare cancer research and making a meaningful impact!

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