



Legend Biotech Launches Inaugural ELITE Grant Program to Advance the Next Generation of CAR-T Innovation in Multiple Myeloma

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Annual program will award funding to early-career healthcare professionals advancing research, education, and innovation in multiple myeloma

BRIDGEWATER, N.J., Oct. 01, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Legend Biotech Corporation (NASDAQ: LEGN) (Legend Biotech), a global leader in cell therapy, today announced the launch of its inaugural Emerging Leadership & Innovation in Cell Therapy Excellence (ELITE) Program, an annual grant initiative designed to recognize and support early-career healthcare professionals advancing novel cell therapy approaches for the treatment of multiple myeloma. Applications are open through November 20, 2026.

"At Legend Biotech, we believe that advancing the future of cellular therapy requires continued investment in the people and ideas that will shape the field," said Alan Bash, President, CARVYKTI. "Through the ELITE Program, we are supporting the next generation of innovators and research that can improve care for patients living with multiple myeloma, while we advance our pursuit of a cure."

The ELITE Program is guided by an independent steering committee of nationally recognized experts in cellular therapy and hematologic malignancies, including Melissa Alsina, M.D., Ajai Chari, M.D., Rafael Fonseca, M.D., Sundar Jagannath, MBBS, Amrita Krishnan, M.D., Yi Lin, M.D., Ph.D., and Saad Usmani, M.D., MBA, FACP, FASCO. The committee provides scientific leadership and objective oversight of the grant applications and operates independently of Legend Biotech to guarantee a fair, transparent, and rigorous review process.

The program will award grants in two categories:

- **Emerging Educator: Excellence in CAR-T Award**, supporting projects with the potential to advance clinical practice, research, healthcare delivery, or education in multiple myeloma.
- **Emerging Innovator: Innovation in CAR-T Award**, supporting projects with an innovation "seed" specific to multiple myeloma that will serve as a pilot, expansion, or novel approach.

Recipients will be notified in December 2026 and invited to a recognition event in 2027, where they can present their proposals and engage with peers and members of the steering committee.

For more details on eligibility criteria, grant categories, and the application process, please visit the [ELITE Program website](#).

ABOUT LEGEND BIOTECH

With over 3,000 employees, Legend Biotech is the largest standalone cell therapy company and a pioneer in treatments that change cancer care forever. Legend Biotech is at the forefront of the CAR-T cell therapy revolution with CARVYKTI[®], a one-time treatment for relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma, which it develops and markets with collaborator Johnson & Johnson. Centered in the United States, Legend Biotech is building an end-to-end cell therapy company by expanding its leadership to maximize CARVYKTI's patient access and therapeutic potential. From this platform, Legend Biotech plans to drive future innovation across its pipeline of cutting-edge cell therapy modalities.

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