



BLAVATNIK Fund for Innovation at Yale

AWARD OVERVIEW

Award Types

\$100K

Pilot Grant
1 Year

\$300K

Development Grant
1-2 Years

Most or all of funding used to pay for work at contract research organizations (CROs). *Not intended to support research within Yale labs*

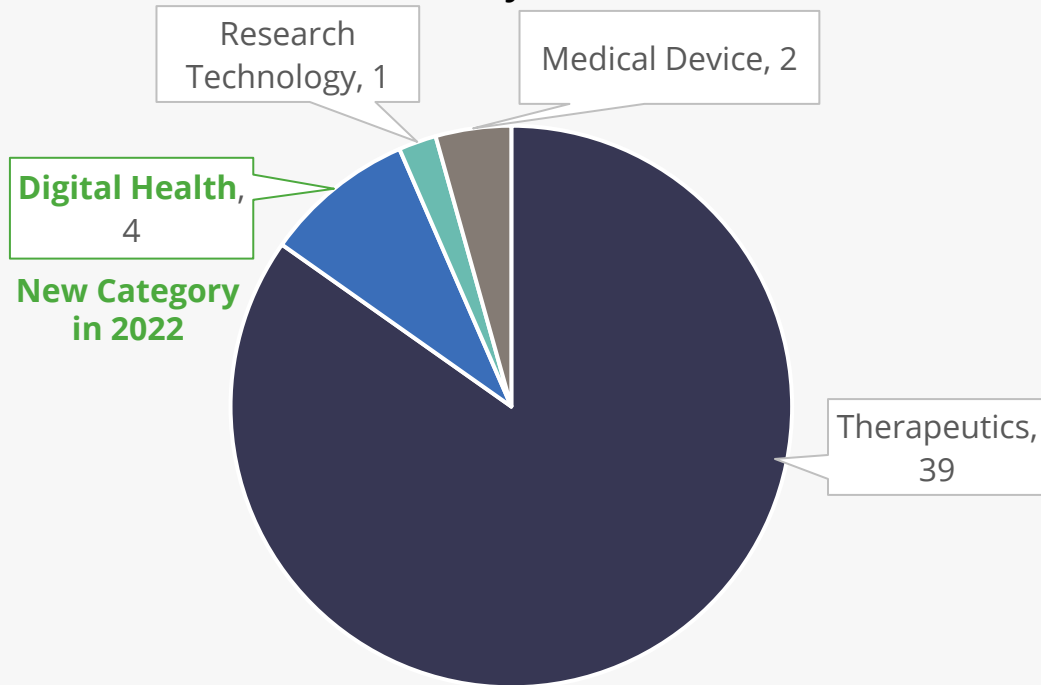
Selection Criteria

- Research addresses **major unmet need**
- Strong indications of **commercial interest**
- Technology is near a “**value inflection point**”
- Technology is **patentable** with freedom to operate
- **Engaged, committed** principal investigator

AWARD HISTORY

2017-2022 Awards

55 Awards to 46 Projects (\$15MM Total)



2023 Awards

**\$2.6
Million**

Maximum Total Awards Amount

Applications due Oct 31st, 2022

KEY DATES

2022

October

Deadline for pre-proposals

10/31: All applications must be submitted by 5PM

November

Quarterfinalists Pitch Evaluations

11/9: Therapeutics and Devices
11/10: Digital Health

15 Min Zoom Required

December

Yale LifeSciences PitchFest

12/8: Selected semifinalists pitch

In Person Event

2023

January

Finalists Selected

Board selected
finalists notified

April

Final Presentations

Jan-Apr: Finalists will optimize pitch to incorporate board feedback and finalize budgets. Support will be provided by Blavatnik Team.

June

Funding Starts

6/1 – Awardee funding begins



PRE-PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

A 5-minute slide pitch is all you need for your pre-proposal submission!

*Just get together 6-8 PowerPoint slides that you can present in
5 minutes that answer these basic questions:*



Product

What's the product/service?



Market Landscape

What's the market?

What's the competition?



Product Strategy

What are your differentiating
unique benefits?

How would this product
make money?



Current State

What is the status of your
product?

Who is on your team?



Purpose

What would you accomplish
with Blavatnik funding?
What do you aim to make
happen with these results in
hand? With whom?

YALE LIFESCIENCES PITCHFEST

THURSDAY DEC 8TH

- Top Blavatnik applicants will **pitch in front of a live audience** of pharmaceutical, biotech, healthtech, and venture executives and entrepreneurs, as well as others in the Yale and local life sciences community
- **Pitches will be filmed!** Slide decks and videos will be used for BOTH selection of finalists by the Blavatnik Board, and for marketing of opportunities to corporations, investment firms, and entrepreneurs on the Yale Ventures website



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Blavatnik Fellows: Full time PhD entrepreneurs working closely with faculty to develop business plans

Blavatnik Associates: Part time grad students and postdocs working closely with fellows to conduct detailed business analyses

70+ industry executives to provide feedback and guidance

Visit our **website** to see FAQs, application guidelines, and a repository of award winning pitches

<https://ventures.yale.edu/blavatnik-fund-innovation-yale>

UPCOMING EVENTS: MEET THE REVIEWERS



Events

- 10/13 – Therapeutics and Medical Devices
- 10/20 – Digital Health and Health Tech

Event Details

- Agenda
 - 4:30-5:00PM – Check in and networking
 - 5:00-6:00PM - Panel discussion with Blavatnik reviewers “What Makes a Fundable Proposal”
 - 6:00-7:00PM – Networking Reception
- Location – TAC Lobby and Auditorium