**Research Grant Program Announcement**

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Cancer represents one of the world’s most urgent unmet medical needs. Worldwide, more than 14 million new cancer cases were diagnosed in 2012.[[1]](#footnote-2)This number is expected to grow to more than 20 million by 2030.[[2]](#footnote-3)

In Algeria, according to figures provided by the INSP, the number of new cases of cancer is 40,000 per year, more than 20,000 cases in women and more than 19,000 in men.

MSD Oncology is extending an open invitation to the Algeria research community to participate in an informal information sessionto inform the development of an unrestricted grant request. Thisgrant request, which will be issued, will be for research projects aimed at analyzingpolicy and health system readiness to deliver sustainable and innovative cancer care.

To be eligible for participation in the open information session, researchers and research teams must meet the following selection criteria:

* Come from an accredited local and/or regional academic institution
* Have a proven track record in research in the cancer space
* Have experience working in and researching health policy
* Demonstrate ability to publish a quality, peer-reviewed publication within one year

All participants will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement with MSD prior to the participation in the open information session.

If you would like to participate, please send a brief, one-page response to [zine.el.abidine.mosbahi@merck.com](mailto:zine.el.abidine.mosbahi@merck.com).

This response should describe your interest in the program and your ability to meet the above selection criteria.

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