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### **Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network Now Accepting Applications for 2017 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award**

BETHESDA, MD – The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) is seeking applicants for its 2017 research grant program. The Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award will fund one \$300,000 two-year grant to an experienced investigator who will break new ground in the field of bladder cancer. The aim of this award is to support exceptionally novel and creative projects with great potential to produce breakthroughs in the management of bladder cancer. The award is available to full-time, independent investigators affiliated with a non-profit academic, medical or research institution within the United States or Canada. Eligible recipients include researchers who have experience in other areas of cancer or biomedical/health science research with promising ideas and approaches that can be applied to bladder cancer research. Interested applicants must submit a Letter of Intent by Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

“Advancing top quality research is a priority for BCAN. Supporting the Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award helps increase our understanding of bladder cancer which can ultimately improve the outcomes for bladder cancer patients” stated Andrea Maddox-Smith, Chief Executive Officer of BCAN. To learn more and to apply, visit [www.bcan.org/research/2017-bladder-cancer-innovation-award/](http://www.bcan.org/research/2017-bladder-cancer-innovation-award/)

### **About the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network**

The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network’s (BCAN) mission is to increase public awareness about bladder cancer, advance bladder cancer research, and provide educational and support services for the bladder cancer community.

BCAN serves as the leading voice for bladder cancer in the U.S., providing resources to not only those diagnosed with the disease but their families, caregivers and the medical community united in support of people touched by the disease. The organization is setting the agenda for bladder cancer by promoting and funding collaborative and cutting-edge research programs and providing critical patient support and education services. Each year, it provides thousands of patients, caregivers and the medical community with the educational resources and support services they need to navigate their bladder cancer journey. BCAN works collaboratively with the medical and research professionals who are dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of bladder cancer and empowers the patient community by allowing them to share experiences with others, and to participate in building awareness of the need for a cure. For more information go to [www.bcan.org](http://www.bcan.org) or call 1-888-901-BCAN (2226).