



Mission of CKC

Curing Kids Cancer funds innovative research to develop cutting-edge therapies for children with cancer in support of our overarching mission *to find cures for childhood cancers in our lifetime.*

Goal and Focus

The goal of these grants is to overcome barriers to clinical application of new treatment approaches for childhood cancer. A priority is to fund projects that have already shown great promise, but that have a specific funding need to move forward. The three main focus areas for this RFP are:

- Cancer immunotherapy/Targeted therapy
- High-grade brain tumors
- Therapeutic targeting through genomics/epigenetics

Application of novel technologies in these areas are welcome.

Applications to fund correlative studies associated with clinical trials in the focus areas will be considered. Funding for the associated clinical trial must have already been secured and applications must include a description of the developmental pathway for the therapeutic approach.

General Guidelines and Eligibility

- Two types of one-year grants will be awarded:
 - Collaborative: One multi-institutional collaborative grant award of \$300,000
 - Individual: Two individual grant awards of \$150,000 each
- The NIH salary cap must be employed
- 10% indirect costs from the total award will be allowed (e.g., maximum \$15,000 indirect and \$135,000 direct costs per award)
- Must be a North American institution (no citizenship requirements)
- Limit of a total of 2 applications per institution
- Open to all applicant levels with MD and/or PhD
- A second year of funding may be applied for, but will require full review

Dates

- Submission deadline: **September 9, 2019 by 11:59 EST**
- Awards will be announced at the end of the calendar year for a grant period of 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020

Submission Requirements

Applications must be submitted via Proposal Central (<https://proposalcentral.com/>) and will include the following:

- A. Title page
- B. Key personnel (Co-PIs must be listed)
- C. Institutional contacts
- D. Lay abstract (2,500 characters or less, including spaces – approximately 250 words)
- E. Budget details- NIH budget format (divide collaboration projects as NIH budget dictates)
- F. Budget justification (3,000 characters, including spaces – approximately 300 words)
- G. Organizational assurances (i.e., human subject and/or animal approvals)
- H. Attachments:

- a) Project Proposal (4-page limit), to include:
 - I. Scientific Abstract
 - II. Background/Rationale
 - III. Design/Methods
 - IV. Significance/Impact
 - V. Environment
- b) References (1-page limit)
- c) Biosketches in NIH format (OMB No. 0925-0001 and 0925-0002) for PIs and Co-PIs (5-page limit)
- d) NIH Other Support document (OMB No. 0925-0001) for PIs and Co-PIs
- e) Letter of endorsement from the division chief of pediatric hematology/oncology. For the Collaborative Grant, a signed letter of collaboration from all Co-PIs and separate letters of support from each division chief are required.
- f) For correlative study proposals linked to approved clinical trials please include the protocol and the NCT number or IRB approval notice.

All attachments must be submitted as a PDFs. Attachments that are not stated in the RFP will **not** be received or reviewed.

Proposal Formatting

- Font: Arial, Times or Times New Roman, 11 point minimum
- Margins: 0.75 in minimum
- Top of each page should include
 - PI (full name)
 - Institution
 - Abbreviated project title

Review Criteria

The reviews will use the NIH 9-point rating scale, with specific ratings on the following components:

- PI(s)
- Environment
- Innovation
- Clinical impact

We look forward to working with you to complete this grant cycle. What an exciting time to have the ability to fund research!

With thanks and blessings,



Gráinne Owen – Founder and President, Curing Kids Cancer

Dr. Alan Wayne – Co-chairman of CKC Medical Advisory Board, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Director, Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases; Head, Division of Hematology, Oncology and Blood & Marrow Transplantation

Dr. Lee Helman – Co-chairman of CKC Medical Advisory Board, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Director of Basic and Translational Research, Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases

**For technical questions regarding the online submission process, contact proposalCENTRAL Customer Service at (800) 875-2562 or via email at pcsupport@altum.com, during business hours, Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–5:00 PM (Eastern Time). There is no technical support available on weekends or holidays.*

**Any additional questions, please contact Mikaela Hopkins at mikaela@curingkidscancer.org.*