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 the 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 or other difficult-to-treat cancers
- Therapeutic targeting through genomics/epigenetics

Applications of novel technologies (e.g. nanotechnology) in these areas are welcome.

General Guidelines and Eligibility

- Two types of one-year grants to be awarded:
  - Collaborative: Up to 1 multi-institutional collaborative grant of $300,000 will be awarded
    - There must be at least 2 collaborating divisions of pediatric hematology/oncology
    - A collaborative project can either include a new proposal or a proposal where preliminary data has already been gathered
  - Individual: 2-4 individual grants of $150,000 each will be awarded
  - All applications must be from a Children’s Oncology Group (COG) institution

- Limit of one application per institution for either the Collaborative or the Individual grant
- An endorsement letter from the Division Chief(s) of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology is required for all applications. For collaborative grants, a letter of endorsement by all collaborating Division Chiefs is required.

* 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.

- 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 North American COG institutions (no citizenship requirements)
- Open to PIs at all academic ranks with MD and/or PhD
- A second year of funding may be applied for but will require a full review

Dates
- Submission deadline: Sunday, October 1st, 2023 by 11:59 PM
- Awards will be announced at the end of the calendar year for a grant period of 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024

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(s) of pediatric hematology/oncology. For the Collaborative Grant, a signed letter of collaboration from all Co-PIs and a joint letter of support from each institution’s 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 PDF. 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
  o PI (full name)
  o Institution
  o 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-chair, CKC Medical Advisory Board; Director, Cancer and Blood Disease Institute, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Dr. Lee Helman – Co-chair, CKC Medical Advisory Board; Adjunct Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

*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.

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