About CURE Childhood Cancer

CURE Childhood Cancer (CURE) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to conquer childhood cancer through funding targeted research while supporting patients and their families. CURE invests millions of dollars each year into the most promising childhood cancer research, working to ensure children have the best chance to survive their cancer without sacrificing their future health and quality of life. Simultaneously, our team members meet families at the point of diagnosis and surround them with critical resources to help them navigate this journey, including financial support for rental assistance, living expenses, medical costs, short-term lodging, travel, along with meals, counseling, and bereavement support and resources for families of children that have been lost to cancer. Through this holistic approach, we work tirelessly to provide for the emotional, physical, financial, and educational needs of our patients and their families.

Research Grant Program Description

CURE Childhood Cancer is accepting research proposals aimed at finding cures and effective treatments with lower toxicity for childhood cancers. Proposals, submitted through proposalCentral at proposalcentral.com/GrantOpportunities.asp?GMID=190 on or before March 8, 2022 will be reviewed by CURE’s Scientific Review Committee and Board of Directors. The requested budget should be in proportion to the scope of the proposed project and should be at or under $150,000 in direct costs for a 1 year grant. Proposals for clinical projects may request a 2 year grant for up to $150,000 in direct costs per year.

Funding Priorities

In granting funds, we give highest priority to projects which are aimed at improving outcomes for the 20% of children who are not surviving today’s methods of treatments. With that in mind, we seek proposals for research with the potential to significantly improve treatments for pediatric cancers where current options are inadequate. Such studies might include development of novel therapies, characterization of drug resistance, and/or treatment of relapsed disease.

In alignment with our strategic goals, CURE will be placing highest priority on clinical and translational research proposals with anticipated clinical testing or application within the next 2-3 years.
Application Timeline and Review

- Proposals must be submitted through proposalCENTRAL no later than 8 pm EST on March 8, 2022.
- Proposals will be reviewed by an independent panel of experts according to the NIH recognized peer-review process.
- Funding decisions will be made and communicated on or shortly after June 20, 2022.

Proposal format

The proposal format is clearly set forth within proposalCENTRAL with templated boxes containing word limitations. You will be required to submit:

1. Objectives, including hypothesis and specific aims (limit to 1 page)
2. Background and significance* (limit to 1 page)
3. Research plan, including potential problems and alternate approaches in achieving specific aims as well as statistical considerations (limit to 4 pages)
4. Budget and budget justification
5. Lay and Scientific summary (limit to 1 page)
6. Statement of anticipated clinical or therapeutic application within 2-3 years. This should address how the results of the research project can improve treatment options for patients. (limit to 2 pages)

* Note: At first use, please spell out all nonstandard abbreviations in proposal. Also, simple diagrams illustrating any complex pathways will greatly facilitate review process. Publications by PI that are central to proposal should be submitted and full titles for all references in bibliography should be included.

With your submission, you will also be asked to include:

- A submitted IRB application if your project requires IRB approval
- Listing of other funding sources and titles of those research projects
- Bibliography
- CV (biosketch) of PI and Co-Investigators

Applicant Eligibility (must be met at the time of submission):

- Applicants must have an MD, PhD, or MD/PhD or equivalent and be appointed as full-time faculty (or equivalent) at an academic institution.
Applicants must have a track record of publication and funding productivity that demonstrates the project can be accomplished by the investigators.

Applicant institutions must be based in the United States or Canada, and applicants need not be United States citizens. Funds must be granted to nonprofit institutions.

**Restrictions**

- CURE will accept only one proposal per lead investigator.
- Indirect costs may not be taken from CURE grants.
- One no-cost extension not to exceed three months may be requested.

**Reporting Requirements**

As a condition of funding and to be eligible for future grants, CURE must receive a Progress Report within 60 days of completion of the grant including:

- A review of the specific aims of the project and detailed progress on each and every aim.
- A clearly defined progress timeline and outcome measures such as publications, patents, and grants submitted and/or funded based on this work and support for fellows.
- A personal statement as to the impact of this award on professional growth (publications, tenure, and grants).
- A report of expenditures
- An electronic copy of any publications (either published, in press or submitted) related to the grant.

**Acknowledgement**

Publications, presentations, and posters featuring results of the studies funded by this grant mechanism should acknowledge “CURE Childhood Cancer.”

**Contact**

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