**2020 CCF Giant Food NextGen Award**

**About the NextGen Award:**

This Grant has been created for Young Investigators at the end of their Fellowship training or early in their research career, working in a hospital or research facility, in the Maryland/DC/N. VA area, who are committed to pursuing a long-term career in Pediatric Oncology Research. Applicants must have support from a clearly identified Mentor in the proposed research field from the sponsoring institution and the Application must document the Mentor’s support of, and involvement in, the Research Project.

The NextGen Award is generously funded by Giant Food.

Please share this Request for Proposals with Young Investigators in your department as you think appropriate.

A “Young Investigator” for this Grant is defined as:

- An M.D., Ph.D or M.D./Ph.D;
- Having completed a Pediatric Oncology Research Fellowship or equivalent training;
- More than 6 years post doctorate; no more than 3 years post completion of Research Fellowship;
- Not holding an appointment higher than Assistant Professor.

**Citizenship:**
Researchers need not be U.S. citizens, but must have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence at the time of application. Permanent residents must submit, with the application, notarized evidence indicating that the candidate is in possession of an Alien Registration Receipt Card or has been approved for the issuance of such card as evidenced by an official passport stamp of the USIM and that the form number of the card is I-551.

**Award Details:**
There will be one (1) NextGen Grant awarded for 2020 with a maximum award amount of $100,000. The Grant will be awarded for a period of one (1) year only, and the Giant Food NextGen Award Winner will not be able to apply for this grant for a second year. The Award Winner, however, be encouraged to apply to CCF funding in the subsequent year(s). CCF Grants are awarded for one year only, but promising researchers can continue to apply for additional one-year grants.

Applicants MAY be involved in other research grants, but there must be clear documentation of mechanisms to avoid scientific and/or budgetary overlap.
Applicants must also specify that a minimum of 50% of the Applicant’s time must be allocated to this Research Project.

Please ensure that:

- The Cover Sheet is completely filled out,
- All elements of the Grant Proposal are completed, including appropriate BioSketches,
- All current and requested Grants, particularly those dealing with similar topics, are disclosed,
- There is a profile of the Young Investigator and the reason for pursuing a career in Pediatric Oncology Research,
- There is a letter of support from the Young Investigator’s Mentor, and
- There is a letter of support from the hospital/university where the Research Project is being conducted. An explicit level of institutional support showing independence includes start-up package information about lab space, salary, and supplies.

Children with cancer need the best and brightest to conquer this terrible disease. The Giant Food NextGen Award Recipient, their mentor, and their institution will be recognized by CCF in many different ways-- in 2020 and into the future.

Sincerely,

Jerry Chadwick             Tasha Museles
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Chairman                  President

*Attached: Giant NextGen Grant Proposal Specifications and Grant Proposal Cover Sheet

*Investigators may apply for the regular CCF Grant and the Giant Food NextGen Award, but must complete both applications.