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The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc. (CCF) is accepting proposals for the 2024 CCF Giant Food NextGen Award for advancing pediatric cancer treatments and outcomes. Please share this Request for Proposals with Young Investigators in your department as you deem appropriate.

**About the NextGen Award**

The Next Generation, or "NextGen," Grant has been created specifically 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/Northern Virginia** area.

Applicants must demonstrate commitment to pursuing a long-term career in Pediatric Oncology research and must have support from a clearly identified Mentor in the proposed research field from the Sponsoring Institution. The application must document the Mentor's support of, and involvement in, the Research Project.

The NextGen Award is generously funded by Giant Food.

**A "Young Investigator" for the purpose of this Grant is defined as an individual who:**

- holds the degree of M.D., Ph.D., D.O., or any combination thereof;
- has completed a Pediatric Oncology Research Fellowship or equivalent training;
- is no more than 6 years post highest doctoral degree; and no more than 3 years post completion of Research Fellowship;
- does not hold an appointment higher than Assistant Professor.

**Citizenship**

At the time of application, candidates must be United States citizens or foreign nationals holding either a permanent resident (I-551 or Green Card) or a USCIS-issued I-551 temporary evidence stamp in one's passport. Permanent residents must submit, with the application, notarized evidence of this status. At the time of application and throughout the award, an applicant must be employed by a U.S. institution.

**Selection Process and Award Details**

NextGen Grant Proposals are reviewed by an independent Selection Committee. All submitted grants will receive a score and overall critique. Notification of all Grant Awards will be made by **August 2024** and formal agreements will follow. Award checks will be presented to recipients at the CCF Gala on November 2, 2024.





The Selection Committee reserves the right to determine applicant's eligibility based on the information and justifications included in the application materials.

Applicants must specify that a minimum of 50% of the Applicant's time is allocated to the CCF-funded research. Applicants MAY be involved in other research grants, but there must be clear documentation of mechanisms to avoid scientific and/or budgetary overlap.

There will be one (1) 2024 NextGen Grant with a maximum award amount of \$100,000. The Grant will be awarded for a period of one (1) year.

Any NextGen applicant not selected to receive the Award will automatically be considered for a 2024 CCF Research Award. The maximum amount for CCF Research Awards is \$75,000.

A recipient of the CCF Giant Food NextGen Award is not eligible to apply for this grant for a second year. However, the NextGen Awardee is encouraged to apply for a CCF Research Award in subsequent year(s).

### **2024 CCF Grant Submission Process**

Please ensure that the following elements are included with the proposal:

- Cover Sheet (enclosed), completely filled out, including Department Chair signature,
- All appropriate Biosketches,
- All current and pending grants, particularly those with overlapping scientific aims, are disclosed,
- Young Investigator Profile, including the reason for pursuing a career in Pediatric Oncology Research,
- Letter of support from the Young Investigator's Mentor, and
- 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, if appropriate.

Submit the proposal as a SINGLE PDF file (no larger than 10MB) by email or WeTransfer (or similar) to:

Rose Ann Verrilli, Administrative Assistant, The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc.

Email: [rverilli@childrenscancerfoundation.org](mailto:rverilli@childrenscancerfoundation.org)

**Subject Line:** 2024 NextGen Grant Application

Proposals are due no later than **11:59 PM (EST) on May 5, 2024.**



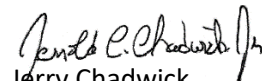
## Requirements

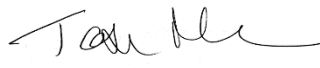
The obligations of grant awardees after notification are:

- Submission of a two (2) page report within 90 days of grant end date.
- Attendance at the CCF Gala on November 2, 2024 at Martins Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD to receive Award.
- Participation in the 9th Annual CCF Research Symposium with a presentation or poster. The tentative date is Wednesday, June 11, 2025.
- Award (check) is to be deposited promptly so that funds clear prior to December 31, 2024.
- Citation of CCF support in ALL relevant published material and notification to CCF of publications. Failure of citation may impact future funding eligibility.

Children with cancer need the best and brightest to conquer this terrible disease. The CCF Giant Food NextGen Award recipient, their mentor, and their institution will be recognized by CCF in many different ways-- in 2024 and into the future.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry Chadwick  
Chairman

  
Tasha Museles  
President

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



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The CCF Giant Food NextGen Grant Proposal must include the following:

- 1. Cover Sheet** (attached to this letter)
- 2. Narrative** (No more than SIX (6) pages)
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Specific Aims
  - c. Background and Significance
  - d. Preliminary Data
  - e. Experimental Design/Methods
- 3. References Cited** (not included in 6-page limit; no limit on number of references or page length)
- 4. Budget** (up to \$100,000 for ONE (1) year)

Direct costs may include salary, research supplies and equipment. Equipment costs must be less than \$5,000 and not be administrative in nature. Grant funding MAY NOT be used for indirect costs such as travel associated with the research, administrative supplies, advertising/PR, student or university memberships and parking or other facility-related fees.

- 5. Lay Summary** (~1/2 page recommended)
- 6. Applicant's Statement of Long-term Career Goals** (~1 page)

Applicant should include reasons for commitment to pediatric oncology research, plans for career development and mentoring activities, and long-term career goals.

**7. Mentor's Letter of Commitment**

A letter signed by the identified primary mentor should be included; and should reference his/her involvement and time commitment to the Research Project, acknowledgement that he/she has reviewed and approved the Grant Application, and mentoring strategies to be used when working with the Young Investigator. It must also be clearly stated that the applicant will be primarily responsible for execution of the research project.





- 8. Support Letter from Sponsoring Institution** (Hospital or University Department Chair, Division Director, or Dean, or equivalent)
- Acknowledges that adequate space will be provided as well as access to the available resources of the hospital/university or research institution.
  - If the sponsoring institution will be providing matching or other funding, include the type and amount of that support.
  - Indicate explicit level of institutional support showing independence, including start-up package information: lab space, salary, and supplies, if appropriate.
  - A signature from an institutional representative on the cover page of the Grant Application accepts the provision that the award will not cover any indirect costs.

**9. NIH Biosketch**

Please include NIH Biosketch of Applicant, Mentor, and any other key personnel involved in this Project. The current NIH biosketch format is preferred: [OMB No. 0925-0001 and 0925-0002 (Rev. 10/2021 Approved Through 01/31/2026)], and instructions can be found here: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>.

**Format**

The Narrative of the proposal (Section 2, a-e) should NOT EXCEED SIX (6) PAGES and should use NIH standard: font 11 points or larger, no fewer than 6 lines per inch, and margins no smaller than 0.5" (top, bottom, left and right.) It is recommended to use Arial, Georgia, Helvetica or Palatino Linotype.

The Grant Proposal must contain the signature of the Department Chair. No appendices are allowed unless specifically invited or approved by the Chair of the CCF Scientific Advisory Board.

**Grants failing to meet these standard format and length requirements will NOT be reviewed.**

**Submission**

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The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc.
2024 Research/NextGen Grant Application

Date Rec'd #

Title of Project:

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Principal Investigator(s) Name and Title:

Types of cancer being addressed:

Names/Titles of other staff:

Institution:
Department Name and Head:

New Application:
Continuation of Current Funding:
If checked, # of prior years:

Street Address:

I have included in this Grant Application any paper that I have published on this Grant topic while receiving CCF funding.

City/State/Zip:

Yes No N/A

Phone:

Email:

I am in the process of writing a paper on this Grant topic. I agree to give credit to CCF as a funder and will provide a copy of this paper when published.

Administration Official Name/Title to be notified if awarded:

Yes No N/A

Street Address:

I have applied for a Patent for discoveries in my prior years on this Grant topic, funded by CCF.

City/State/Zip:

Yes No N/A

Phone:

Email:

I have included information in my Biosketch on current sources of funding, and applications pending for sources of funding for same or similar grants as this Grant Proposal.

EIN #:

Amount Requested:

Yes No N/A

Dates of Grant Project:

I attest that all Human Subjects Research protocols have been or will be approved by our IRB, and that all Animal Subjects Research has been or will be approved by the Animal Care and Use Committee.

I certify that everything in this cover sheet and included in the Grant Application is true to the best of my knowledge. I have read and recommend this Grant Proposal for the consideration of CCF.

Signature of Principal Investigator(s)

Signature of Department Head