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The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc. (CCF) is accepting proposals for its Research Grant Award for advancing pediatric cancer treatment and outcomes for 2025. Please share this Call for Proposals with investigators in your department as you think appropriate.

**About the CCF Research Award**

CCF welcomes meritorious laboratory and clinical research proposals relevant to pediatric/adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer research. Grants will be awarded for a period of one year, beginning December 2025.

There will be multiple Research Grants awarded for 2025 with a maximum award amount of \$75,000.

**Qualifications**

The proposal must reflect research conducted in the **Maryland/DC/Northern Virginia** area, even if the employing institution is based elsewhere in the country.

Applicants **MAY** be involved in other research grants, but there must be clear documentation of mechanisms to avoid scientific and/or budgetary overlap.

At the time of application, candidates must be U.S. citizens, 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, or foreign nationals with J1 or H1B visas that extend beyond the life of the grant. All foreign nationals 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**

Grant Proposals are reviewed by an independent Selection Committee. All submitted proposals will receive a score and overall critique. The Selection Committee reserves the right to determine applicant's eligibility based on the information and justifications included in the application materials.

Notification of the Research Grant awards will be made by **August 2025**, and formal agreements will follow. A check presentation to grant recipients will be held during the CCF Gala on November 1, 2025.





## 2025 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, and
- Current and pending Grant disclosure, particularly those with overlapping scientific aims.

Submit the proposal as a SINGLE PDF file (no larger than 10MB) to the CCF office by email to Rose Ann Verrilli at [rverrilli@childrenscancerfoundation.org](mailto:rverrilli@childrenscancerfoundation.org) or through WeTransfer [childrenscancerfoundation.wetransfer.com](http://childrenscancerfoundation.wetransfer.com), using the following naming convention:

“(P.I. Last Name) 2025 CCF Research Grant Application.pdf”

Proposals are due no later than 11:59 PM (EST) on May 4, 2025.

## Award Obligations

The expectations for receipt of a Research Award are the following:

- Submission of a 2-3 page report within 90 days of grant end date.
- Attendance at the CCF Gala on November 1, 2025 at Martins Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD to receive Award.
- Participation in the 10th Annual CCF Research Symposium in June 2026 through a talk or poster
- 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 Research Award Recipients will be recognized by CCF in many different ways-- in 2025 and into the future.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jerry Chadwick in black ink.

Jerry Chadwick  
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Tasha Museles in black ink.

Tasha Museles  
President

Attached: Research Grant Proposal Specifications & Grant Proposal Cover Sheet



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The CCF Research Grant Proposal must include the following:

- 1. Cover Sheet** (attached to this letter)
- 2. If RESUBMISSION or RENEWAL**

Please include a one-page Introduction. Applicants who have received a previous CCF grant may apply for continued funding, but must include the results of their current research, discuss the progress made in prior year(s), and state how continued funding will advance research in this area. However, no proposal requesting renewal of recently-funded research will receive priority consideration over any other submitted research proposal.

- 3. Narrative** (No more than SIX (6) pages)

- Introduction (if new request and not resubmission or renewal – see above)
- Specific Aims
- Background and Significance
- Preliminary Data
- Experimental Design/Methods

- 4. References Cited** (not included in 6-page limit; no limit on number of references or page length)

- 5. CCF-specific References**

In addition to the listing of references, please include all previous CCF grants received, amount, year awarded, and links to or attachments of all resulting publications from CCF-funded research.

- 6. Budget** (up to \$75,000 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.

- 7. Lay Summary** (1/2 page recommended)





## 8. NIH Biosketch

Please include NIH Biosketch of Applicant 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>.

## 9. Letter of Recommendation (optional)

An applicant, particularly those early in their career, may choose to include a letter of recommendation from a supervisor or mentor. No additional documents will be permitted.

### Format

The Narrative of the proposal (Section 3, 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.

**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.  
2025 Research/NextGen Grant Application

Date Rec'd	#
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Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Investigator Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Other staff name /title: Co-P.I.?

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Types of cancer being addressed:

Department:

Dep't Head:

Street Address:

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.

City/St/Zip:

Phone:

Yes No N/A

Email:

Administration Official Name/Title to be notified if awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested:

Street Address:

Dates of Project:

City/St/Zip:

EIN #:

Phone:

Email:

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 CCF's consideration.

Signature of Principal Investigator(s)

Signature of Department Head