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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 2026. Please share this Call for Proposals with investigators in your department.

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 2026.

There will be multiple Research Grants awarded for 2026 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. At the time of application and throughout the award, an applicant must be employed by a U.S. institution. CCF does not require the paperwork itself, just a letter from the institution noting that the applicant is in good standing.

Selection Process and Award Details

Grant Proposals are reviewed by an *independent* Selection Committee comprised of senior researchers from outside the Baltimore-Washington region. All submitted proposals will receive a score and at least one comprehensive 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 2026**, and formal agreements will follow. A check presentation to grant recipients will be held during the CCF Gala on November 7, 2026.





2026 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 (may be electronic signature or printed, signed, and scanned),
- 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 through **WeTransfer** (<https://childrenscancerfoundation.wetransfer.com/>), using the following naming convention:

"(P.I. Last Name) 2026 CCF Research Grant Application.pdf"

Proposals are due no later than **11:59 PM (EST) on May 3, 2026**.

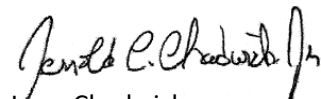
Award Obligations

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 7, 2026 at Martins Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD to receive the Award.
- Participation in the 11th Annual CCF Research Symposium in June 2027 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 2026 and into the future.

Sincerely,


Jerry Chadwick
Chairman


Tasha Museles
President

Attached: Research Grant Proposal Specifications & Grant Proposal Cover Sheet



Board of Directors 2026 CCF Research Grant Proposal Specifications

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The CCF Research 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. **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.

5. **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.

6. **Lay Summary** (1/2 page recommended)

7. **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>.





8. 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 (can be electronic signature or printed, signed, and scanned.)

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

Submission

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Please be sure to review the **Frequently Asked Questions** on the CCF website's application page: <https://childrenscancerfoundation.org/what-we-do/apply-for-a-grant/> Questions may also be directed to Rose Ann Verrilli at info@childrenscancerfoundation.org or 443-546-4479.

Awardees will be notified by **August 2026** and formal agreements will follow.



The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc.
2026 Research/NextGen Grant Application

Date Rec'd #

Title of
Project:

Principal Investigator Name/Title:

Other staff name /title: Co-P.I.?

Institution:

Type(s) of cancer being addressed:

Department:

Dep't Head:

Street
Address:

I have previously received **CCF** research
funding for my work: Yes No

City/St/Zip:

Please state the year(s) you received funding:
informational purposes only - does not impact eligibility or ranking

Phone:

Email:

Administration Official Name/Title to be notified if awarded:

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.

Street
Address:

Yes No N/A

City/St/Zip:

Amount Requested:

Phone:

Email:

Dates of Project:

EIN #:

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