



Grant categories

The Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation awards four types of grants:

Basic Science Research Grants (up to \$150,000 per year, for up to 3 years)

These grants fund basic science, translational and/or clinical state of the art pediatric cancer research initiatives. These grants fund work that is the basis for childhood cancer research, helping to move science in the direction of improved treatments and eventually finding a cure. They are designed to move hypothesis-driven research into the clinic providing support for important preclinical projects that are necessary to move a study from the pre-clinical arena into a clinical trial. Applicants must be a PhD (with a least two years as a junior faculty or assistant professor) and/or MD.

Translational Research Grants (up to \$100,000 per year, for up to 2 years)

These grants fund new research protocols and therapies that hold promise for improved outcomes and accelerates cures from the laboratory bench to the bedside of children and teens with high-risk cancers. This Grant is given to single or multi-institutional programs that involve open, cancer clinical trials or consortia, and implement new approaches to therapy. Applicants must be a PhD and/or MD.

Emerging Investigator Fellowship Grants (up to \$60,000 for one year)

These grants are designed to support Post-Doctoral Fellowships and Clinical Investigator training for emerging pediatric cancer researchers to pursue exciting research ideas. Applicants must have completed two years of their fellowship or not more than two years as a junior faculty instructor or assistant professor at the start of the award period. These grants encourage and cultivate the best and brightest researchers of the future.

PCRF will *not accept grant application without an approved Letter of Intent (LOI)*. For additional information on PCRF policy and procedures please refer to the Grant Manual located on the PCRF website at <https://pcrf-kids.org/grants/>.

Grant Criteria and Eligibility

- The probability of an advance in prevention, diagnosis or treatment for the near-term
- The novelty of the concept and strategy
- The clarity of presentation
- The overall plan for bringing the research findings to clinical application
- Experience, background, and qualifications of the investigators
- Adequacy of resources and environment (facilities, patients, etc.)
- PCRF only funds non-profit institutions and they must be located in the US.

- PCRF does not have citizenship requirements for our investigators. However, the Principal Investigator needs to be employed by a non-profit U.S. institution that has an affiliation with a hospital.
- Basic Science Research and Translational Grants require the applicant to be a PhD and/or MD.
- Emerging Investigator applicants must have completed two years of their fellowship, or not more than two years as a junior faculty instructor or assistant professor at the start of the award period.

Policies and procedures

- PCRF requires the submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) through Proposal Central. The cycle for submission will be open from January 8th through March 1st.
- Researchers not previously funded by the foundation are typically funded at the Emerging Investigator Fellowship level.
- PCRF typically only funds one grant per institution.
- Selected researchers will be invited to submit a grant application via Proposal Central. The applications deadline is June 1st.

Please take these policies and procedures into account when planning your submission. Refer to the PCRF Grants manual for additional information.

Letter of Intent Guidelines

Page limitation:

The research project section of the Letter of Intent (LOI) as described below should be no more than three pages in length. There are three required uploads. They are:

Research project (limit 3 pages)

References

Biosketches

Institutional information:

Provide the name of the Institution and Principal Investigator and their title. An institution may only submit one LOI per award type. Multiple LOIs should not be submitted by the same researcher.

Grant application:

Indicate which funding opportunity you are applying for:

- Basic Science Research Grant (up to \$150,000 per year, for up to three years)
- Translational Research Grant (up to \$100,000 per year, for up to two years)
- Emerging Investigator Fellowship (up to \$60,000 per year for one year)

Provide a Scientific and Lay Abstract and identify Area of Research within Keywords.

Provide a summary of your research proposal, including any preliminary data that supports the hypothesis being tested or the objective.

Research project (upload into proposal Central)

Address the following questions by stating each questions below followed by your answer (LOIs that do not follow this requirement will not be considered):

Research/forms/2024forms/LetterofIntentGuidelines

- How does this proposal fit the goals and objectives of PCRFB?
- What need/issue are you addressing?
- Why is your approach novel?
- What outcomes do you hope to achieve?
- Why are you and your institution the best equipped to carry out this activity?

Upload references separately (they do not count against the 3-page limit)

Upload Principal Investigators biosketch with submission.

Budget and submission process:

State the amount of funding you are requesting.

PCRFB will accept LOI between January 9th and March 1st. LOIs should be submitted via Proposal Central.