

Children's Cancer Research Fund

Emerging Scientist Award

The Emerging Scientist Award is meant to help develop the independent research of highly qualified individuals still early in their careers. Recipients are called **CCRF Emerging Scientists** and the award amount is \$100,000.

REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

- Institutions must be located in the United States.
- All awards will be payable to the Emerging Scientist's university or academic institution.
- This is an early-career award. The Emerging Scientist award is intended to develop the independent pediatric cancer research careers of highly qualified investigators, not to support well-established or senior investigators.
- Applicants should hold a post-graduate doctoral degree in a field of medical or scientific research specialty, and be a faculty member at an accredited university.
- Applicants must be within the first seven (7) years of their initial independent full faculty appointment at the time the award begins.
- Applicants holding or awarded R01s or similar awards from national granting bodies at the time of the LOI are not eligible to apply. Applicants cannot hold a NIH K-award at the time that they apply (institutional K12 funding is allowable).
- Applicants need not be American citizens; however, they must have a paid appointment at an academic, medical, or research university within the United States.
- Research projects must have direct applicability and relevance to pediatric cancer. They may be in any discipline of basic, clinical, translational, or epidemiological research.
- Awardees may receive funding from other sources to support their research. If other funding is anticipated or received, please provide that information in ProposalCentral.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Each application is scientifically reviewed by a panel of qualified pediatric oncology research experts, who will make recommendations for funding.
- Applicants selected for funding will be notified as soon as possible. Funding status shall be relayed through ProposalCENTRAL by mail or email. All rankings and evaluations are considered confidential.
- Awards are for a one-year period, beginning September 1, 2019.
- Any questions following the notification of awards should be addressed in writing to:

grants@childrenscancer.org

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- Funding will be up to \$100,000 and may be used for up to 25% of the Scientist's salary and fringe benefits at the applicant institution.
- Fringe benefits are generally defined as medical and dental insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits and are payable only for eligible participation in such programs.
- Expenditures for capital equipment and travel associated with the project may not exceed \$10,000.
- No institutional overhead or indirect funding is provided under the terms of the grant.

IDENTIFICATION

- The title "CCRF Emerging Scientist" as applicable shall be used in all printed and/or electronic publications during the period of the award. Identification with CCRF shall also be made in any news released about the Scientist or the Scientist's research project by the public relations department or its equivalent at the sponsoring institution.

TRANSFER

- Requests for transfers by a Scientist to another institution while the award is in effect will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require justification of an urgent need for the transfer as well as written approvals. Continuation of funding at the new institution is contingent on prior written approval from CCRF after its review of the written request. The Scientist must submit a request for transfer and appropriate documentation of justification accompanied by a letter of support from both the current and future sponsor and a letter of support from the new institution at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of transfer. Notification of approval or denial of the transfer shall be in writing.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- If the Scientist's funding period is interrupted for any reason, written permission must be obtained from CCRF if the Scientist's term is to be continued at a later date. Leaves of absence are limited to not more than one year. In the event a Scientist's term is not completed due to incapacitating illness or death, the prorated, unexpended funds must be returned to CCRF. Requests for a leave of absence from the Foundation should be submitted in writing thirty (30) days before the date of commencement for the leave of absence.

REINSTATEMENT OF AWARD

- Funds will not be reinstated after CCRF has received notification in writing from the Scientist of the intent to terminate research. Those wishing to resume funding are welcome to submit a new application, which will compete on an equal basis with all others during the subsequent funding cycle.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- The Scientist must submit reports of his/her research progress online via ProposalCENTRAL by the dates specified in ProposalCENTRAL. In addition to the scientific report, this includes a

lay report written for the general public. The progress report shall be accompanied by an evaluation report from the Sponsor directly responsible for the Scientist's work. These reports must be completed using the templates available on ProposalCENTRAL. These reports shall be reviewed by CCRF to evaluate the research progress of each Scientist.

- CCRF reserves the right to ask the grant recipient to be available to present their research summary.

PUBLICATIONS

- The Scientist must submit publications related to this funding online via ProposalCENTRAL prior to or within thirty (30) days of publication date.

FINAL REPORTS

- Within thirty (30) days of the end of the award period, the Scientist shall submit a recap written by the Scientist, a lay report, as well as copies of all publications concerning the project. The final report should be accompanied by an evaluation report from the Sponsor providing supervision for the Scientist's work. Receipt by CCRF of a satisfactory final research report and a satisfactory final expenditure report will determine the Scientist's ability to apply for future awards.
- Reports are submitted online via ProposalCENTRAL, using the templates provided.
- CCRF will continue to stay in touch with each Scientist to determine how CCRF funding has influenced his/her career and how it has contributed to finding a cure and/or better treatments for childhood cancer.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS

- The Scientist must submit a report of expenditures, due within sixty (60) days of the end of the award period. All expenditures are expected to follow the approved budget. This report must be submitted online via ProposalCENTRAL and should include the Scientist name, award period, and breakdown of expenditures by budget categorical items.

HUMAN INVESTIGATION

- All human subject research or research on human tissue which is supported by CCRF must comply with the regulations applicable to that supported by the National Institutes of Health. As part of the application, the applicant will be asked to submit documentation of approval of the study by his or her Institutional Review Board, along with the Institution's Human Subjects Assurance Number.
- Approval is not required at the application stage but will be required prior to issuing funds. If the grantee's research plan changes after the award to include human subjects or tissue, the grantee must submit proper documentation of IRB approval to CCRF.

BIOHAZARDS

- The Emerging Scientist Award applicant and institution shall submit an acknowledgment during the application process that potential biohazards are involved and provide an institutional

statement of assurances regarding such potential biohazards and safeguards pertaining to this aspect of the research proposed in the Application to CCRF. Projects which do not involve biohazards must so state.

- CCRF assumes no responsibility or liability for any such biohazard and shall be held harmless from the results of the use of any such biohazard.

LABORATORY ANIMALS

- CCRF adheres to the most current guidelines applicable to the care and treatment of animals used in laboratory work as outlined by the National Institutes of Health. During the application process, the applicant must submit a statement that the sponsoring institution meets and adheres to these policies. Failure to notify the Foundation of compliance with these guidelines or the improper use of laboratory animals may result in termination of the award.