

2021 Funding Opportunity Announcement

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Emerging Scientist Award

Children's Cancer Research Fund (CCRF) is a national nonprofit committed to finding safer, more effective therapies for kids battling cancer. Thanks to donors and partners around the country, we have contributed \$200 million to research, education and awareness, and quality-of-life programs for childhood cancer families. We believe kids deserve safer, less toxic treatments, and we're committed to funding groundbreaking research and services that enhance healing and care.

With the Emerging Scientist Award, our goal is to develop the independent research of highly qualified individuals, still early in their careers, who are focused on cancers impacting children and adolescents.

The Emerging Scientist award supports basic, clinical, translational, or epidemiological research. Projects may include pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; and development of new research technology.

Key Dates

This funding announcement will use the following schedule:

Funding announcement released	Monday April 12, 2021
Due date for applications	Thursday May 20, 2021, noon Central time
Applicants notified	Week of August 2, 2021
Awards start	October 1, 2021

All applicants should review all necessary materials using the appropriate templates and forms. Failure to comply with the provided instructions may result in administrative rejection of the application. Visit childrenscancer.org/awards for application instructions and information on how to access the application submission system.

Award Information

Award budget A budget for total costs of up to \$100,000 may be requested

Award period Maximum project period is 12 months

Allowable direct costs include: Salaries, fringe benefits, supplies, sub-contracts, equipment, & travel

- Travel: Project-related travel: As needed (must be fully justified); Up to \$2,000 per year for conference travel
- All sub-contracts and collaborations must be described and well-justified
- Any equipment to be purchased with grant funds (up to \$10,000) must be well-justified
- No institutional overhead or indirect funding is provided under the terms of the grant

Application Requirements Summary:

- Institutions must be located in the United States.
- All awards will be payable to the Emerging Scientist's academic or research 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.
- Applicants should hold a research or faculty appointment at an accredited university or comparable research institution.
- Applicants must be within the first seven (7) years of their initial independent research or 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 of application (institutional K12 funding is allowable).
- Research projects must have direct applicability and relevance to cancers affecting children and adolescents. Inclusion of other age groups should be well justified. The project can be in any discipline of basic, clinical, translational, or epidemiological research.
- Applicants need not be American citizens; however, they must have a paid appointment at an academic, medical, or research institution within the United States.
- Applicants cannot have more than one CCRF grant active at the same time.
- Awardees may receive funding from other sources to support their research. If other funding is anticipated or received, please list other support in ProposalCENTRAL.
- Go to **childrenscancer.org/awards** for application instructions and information on how to access the application submission system.

We encourage applicants to contact CCRF staff with questions regarding eligibility requirements. Application questions should be submitted to grants@childrenscancer.org

Review and Selection Process

CCRF will conduct peer review of applications. Each peer review committee will include appropriate scientific experts. Reviewers will conduct an independent and confidential review. The top scoring applications will be recommended for funding. After considering the relative merit of the applications, the amount of available funds, and the CCRF objectives, the Research Advisory Committee will review the recommendations and the CCRF Board will approve grants 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 October 1, 2021.