

## 2022 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:

Application opens	March 22, 2022
Due date for applications	April 28, 2022, noon Central time
Applicants notified	Week of August 2, 2022
Awards start	October 1, 2022

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](https://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 established or mid-career 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. [Please contact CCRF if you have a reason to request an exception to this timing requirement \(for example, family obligations\).](#)
- Applicants in trainee positions (research fellow, research associate, or post-doctoral fellow) must include a letter from their department stating they are eligible to apply for this award.
- Applicants holding or awarded R01s or similar awards from national granting bodies at the time of the LOI are **not** eligible to apply. Applicants **with a prior or current** NIH K-award are **not** eligible to apply (institutional K12 funding is allowable).
- [Applicants serving as a PI on a current or past R21 award are not eligible to apply, unless the proposal is on a new topic. Please contact CCRF to discuss.](#)
- 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 may submit one application per calendar year for any CCRF awards.
- Applicants cannot be the PI of more than one active CCRF award at the same time.
- Awardees may receive funding from other nonprofit grants sources to support their research. Any other support that's anticipated or received should be described, including any overlap.
- Research projects must have direct applicability and relevance to cancers affecting children and adolescents. Inclusion of other age groups should be well justified. An ESA grant can be basic,

clinical, translational, or epidemiological research.

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We encourage applicants to contact CCRF staff with questions regarding eligibility requirements. Application questions should be submitted to [grants@childrenscancer.org](mailto:grants@childrenscancer.org)

## **Review and Selection Process**

CCRF will conduct a 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 or by email. All rankings and evaluations are considered confidential.

Awards are for a one-year period, beginning October 1, 2022.