



**CLINICAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH GRANTS
FROM THE
CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH FUND**

The Children's Cancer Research Fund (CCRF) was established in 1987 to provide support on a national level for clinical research in the field of childhood cancer. The fund announced an annual research grant program focused on the diagnosis, treatment, and side effects of therapy of childhood cancer in 1989. Since then, we have awarded 63 grants totaling \$2,271,648.00. This past year, the CCRF was able to support grants totaling \$189,902. The CCRF anticipates awarding a minimum of three grants in 2010 at \$40,000 each, direct costs. The purpose of this grant program is to support investigators at the postdoctoral level (M.D. or Ph.D.) in the conduct of innovative pilot clinical studies that have the potential to develop new insights into clinical aspects of childhood cancer. Applications by senior fellows and junior faculty investigators are particularly encouraged. Interested individuals should submit the original and six copies of the attached application form by June 16, 2010 to:

**Stuart E. Siegel, MD
Chairman, Medical Advisory Board
Childrens Cancer Research Fund
C/O Childrens Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases
Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, MS# 54
4650 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90027-6016**

The Medical Advisory Board of the fund (listed below) will review applications, and successful applicants will be notified by August 1, 2010—which is also the effective date of the award.

Garrett M. Brodeur, MD, Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia
Peter Coccia, MD, University of Nebraska Medical Center
John Falletta, MD, Duke University
Donald Pinkel, MD, California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo
David Poplack, MD, Texas Childrens Cancer Center
Aaron Rausen, MD, New York University Medical Center
Kathleen Sakamoto, MD, University of California Los Angeles
Stephen Sallan, MD, Dana Farber Cancer Institute
Stuart Siegel, MD, Children's Hospital Los Angeles

GUIDELINES

1. Area of Research

The research proposal should be in the area of Clinical Pediatric Cancer. Proposals addressing prognostic factors, diagnosis, innovative clinical therapeutic trials, minimal residual disease detection and treatment, and long-term effects of therapy and disease will be considered.

2. Investigator

The Principal Investigator should be at a postdoctoral level (M.D. or Ph.D.). Senior fellows or junior faculty with or without limited funds, but show a potential to successfully compete for federal grants will be given priority. Applications from well-funded Senior Investigators will not be considered.

3. Amount of Budget

Amount awarded will be a maximum of \$40,000 direct costs. These funds may cover investigators' salaries, supplies, technical help and travel. Indirect costs at a maximum of 20% of salary and wages will be provided to sponsoring institutions. Budget will cover one year, August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011. The opportunity for an additional year of funding will be considered based on productivity and progress demonstrated within the first year.

4. Application

An application form is enclosed and follows the NIH guidelines. It contains: I) a front page with title, name and signature of investigator and an abstract (250 words); II) an investigator's biographical sketch (NIH format); III) a budget form; IV) present sources of funding; V) a research plan, maximum of 8 pages (including specific aims, background, preliminary data, methods and references); a letter of support from the applicant's Division or Department Head documenting the institution's commitment to the applicant and their proposed research and two letters from scientific/medical colleagues familiar with the investigator and his/her proposal. No appendix should be included. **Applications that do not follow this format will not be evaluated by the Medical Advisory Board.**

5. Human Subjects and Vertebrate Animals

In case human subjects will be used in the proposed study, the investigators should send a letter or standard form from the Institutional Review Board on human subjects investigation of their institution approving the project, as well as a copy of the informed consent. In the case of the use of vertebrate animals, the investigator should submit an approval letter from the Animal Care Committee of its sponsoring institution. Funding

cannot be initiated for a successful application until these documents are received by the CCRF.

6. Deadlines

An original and six copies of the application should be submitted by Wednesday, June 16, 2010 to the following address:

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Notification will be given by and funding will begin on August 1, 2010.

**APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH GRANT FROM THE
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1. Project Title: _____

2. Principal Investigator:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

3. Applicant's Organization:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

4. Human Subjects: **Yes** **No**

5. **Vertebrate Animals:** **Yes** **No**

7. **Costs Requested:** _____

ABSTRACT (250 Words)

III. BUDGET

A. Personnel

	Name	Position Title	Time Effort %	Salary	Fringe Benefits	Total
1.						
2.						
3.						
					Total	_____

B. Equipment

Total _____

C. Supplies

Total _____

D. Travel

Total _____

E. Other

Total _____

TOTAL COSTS



IV. SUPPORT

1. Present Support: (include source, title principal investigator, % effort of applicant, cost and period)

2. Pending Support: (include source, title, principal investigator, % effort of applicant, cost and period)

V. RESEARCH PLAN

1. Specific Aims
2. Background and Rationale
3. Preliminary Data
4. Methods
5. References

(Should not exceed 8 single spaced pages)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Provide the following information for the key personnel in the order listed on Form Page 2.
Photocopy this page or follow this format for each person.

Name	Position Title		
<i>EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>If applicable</i>	YEAR(S)	FIELD OF STUDY