2023 TeamConnor Grant Submission Guidelines

TeamConnor Childhood Cancer Foundation funds all varieties of childhood cancer research. We are proud to have awarded almost $6 million in funding over the last thirteen years. To become a recipient of funding, please become acquainted with our purpose and our interests below. The deadline to be considered for funding is Friday, August 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM (CST).

What We Will Fund

The TeamConnor Childhood Cancer Foundation supports innovative research and promising clinical trials that have the potential to immediately impact the lives of childhood cancer patients.
We are interested in funding researchers who:

· Have outstanding clinical treatment ideas relevant to today's childhood cancer patients and are without clinical trial support from the NIH or other cancer research agencies.

· Are driven to deliver new and better treatment options for their childhood cancer patients today through clinical trial studies.

Highlights

· Grants range from $20,000 to $100,000 per year; and up to $1,000,000+ will be issued based on annual fundraising by TeamConnor

· TCCF will consider renewal grants

· Recipients will have the opportunity to attend and speak at TCCF events

· Recipients may choose to include equipment to enhance research work, up to $10,000

Review Process

· Each application is independently reviewed by the Director of Grants and the Executive Director. The applications that include all proposal requirements and that align with the TeamConnor mission will then be passed to the TeamConnor Medical Advisory Board.

· The Medical Advisory Board will analyze and rank each grant application independently. The grant applications that receive a fundable score are presented at the Q4 Board of Director's meeting.

· TeamConnor's Board of Directors will review the recommendations from the Medical Advisory Board and determine final grant awards. Applicants receive the funding, begin their research, and file appropriate progress reports throughout the life of the grant.

Eligibility Criteria

Both new and established researchers are encouraged to apply. All established researchers requesting funds should show how their project is a departure from ongoing funded work. New projects may be an extension of other work but cannot overlap any funded studies unless the applicant clearly demonstrates that new funding will not duplicate existing support.

Applicants selected for funding will be required to provide promotional materials suitable for fundraising, including, but not limited to a five-minute video discussing the research project, photos of lab, and photos of children participating in clinical trials where applicable.

Restrictions

· Applications that do not follow the specific grant application guidelines and/or submission process will NOT be considered.

· Applications received after the due date will not be considered.

· Resubmissions: Only one (1) resubmission of a previously viewed application is permitted.

· Indirect costs are not allowed.

· Limited funding of technicians or trainees will be considered but is not preferred.

· Applications which do not fall under the TCCF mission will not be considered.

Guidelines for Submission

Please include the following information using NIH grant guidelines:

1. **Cover Page (1 Page)**
   · Title of Project
   · Institution
   · PI (s)
   · Contact Information/Address/Key Contact Person
   · Type of application: New, Resubmission, or Renewal Grant

2. **NIH Biographical Sketches for key personnel**
   · Include Biosketch for PI(s), as well as trainees (residents, fellows) who will be directly involved in research project
   · Individual Biosketches should not exceed 5 pages

3. **Facility and Lay Summary (1 page)**
   · Brief hospital or research facility description (one paragraph)
   · Lay summary of specific research project for which funds are sought (two paragraphs)

4. **Full proposal of specific program(s) for which funds are sought, to include the following: (limit to 2 pages)**
   · Introduction
   · Specific Aims
   · Research Plan/Strategy

- Enrollment report, if applicable
- Timeline for research

5. **Project budget (see attached 2-page format)**

6. **Funding and Purpose (1-page total)**
   - Amount of funding requested from TCCF
   - Please list and/or describe any other sources of active and/or pending grant support
   - Purpose: Please describe how your proposed research project will be unique and applicable to the TeamConnor mission of helping to improve the treatment of childhood cancer, either through direct clinical impact or advancements in the pre-clinical spectrum that hold promise for novel therapies. (1-2 paragraphs)
   - Funding information: Name and address where funding should be sent if your application is selected for funding.

For proposal submissions, please note the following:

In order to assure that every application can be fully reviewed on a timely basis, the following deadlines and procedures have been established.

- Final submission to TeamConnor is required on or before Friday, August 11, 2023. Proposals must be received at the Foundation by 5:000 PM (CST) on the deadline date.
- Proposals may be submitted by e-mail only. Proposals may not be faxed or mailed.
- Please limit application to 7 pages (plus no more than 5 pages per NIH Biographical Sketch)
- For proposal submissions by e-mail: <u>The proposal and all attachments must be combined into **ONE** PDF or Word document.</u>
- Applications that do not follow the above stated guidelines will not be considered for funding.

<u>**Award Notification Date – Early-Mid December 2023**</u>

If you have any questions about your grant application, please contact Emily Allbright, Executive Director at eallbright@teamconnor.org or at 972-663-7327.

Email grant proposals to eallbright@teamconnor.org by 5:00 PM (CST) on Friday, August 11, 2023.