

THE CURE STARTS NOW GRANT APPLICATION 2008-2009 FUNDING CYCLE

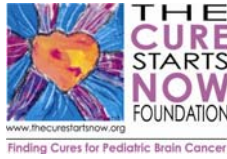
Applications are accepted at any time and grants are awarded twice per year. Applications received by June 30th each year will be accepted with final decisions by July 31st and funding to start in August. Applications received by December 31st each year will be accepted with final decisions by January 31st and funding to start in February. These funding cycles continue annually.

Applications should be single spaced and 12 point font. Margins should be not less than 0.5 inches on all sides. Page size is 8.5 x 11 inches. These guidelines are to ensure readability for our reviewers. Two hard copies of the application with original signatures and proposal along with a CD-ROM with the application and proposal should be submitted to the foundation.

Completed application materials should be sent to:

The Cure Starts Now
P.O. Box 157163
Cincinnati, OH 45215

For questions regarding the application process, please email:
gavin.baumgardner@thecurestartsnow.org



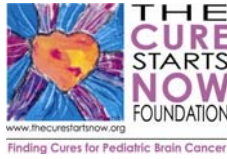
Section 1: Contact Information

1. Primary Investigator
 - a. Name and title
 - b. Address
 - c. Phone number(s)
 - d. Email address
 - e. PI must include original signature below this contact information.
2. Individual with institutional authority to sign on behalf of the institution. This includes signing financial reports and receiving checks from The Cure Starts Now Foundation.
 - a. Name and title
 - b. Address (for correspondence and for sending checks)
 - c. Phone number(s)
 - d. Email address
 - e. This individual must include original signature below this contact information.

Section 2: Executive Summary

This is a summary of the hypothesis, goals, background, clinical significance, design and methods of the proposed study. The summary is not to exceed one page. This summary will aid our reviewers in determining if the study generally meets our five criteria for funding outlined in the General Grant Information section. These criteria include:

- Scientific Merit
- Disease Impact
- Innovation
- Feasibility
- Expertise



Section 3: Description of Research Proposal

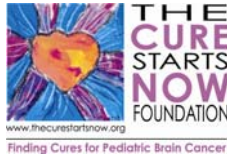
This is a detailed description of the research project. This section should not exceed 10 pages in length. Details that must be included in this section and must be listed in the following order:

- Hypothesis proposed and anticipated results
- Specific aims
- Background and rationale for the proposed research project
- Research design
 - Includes details about the design of the project, including plan for statistical analysis. Describe techniques or modalities in sufficient detail that reviewers can make a reasonable determination of feasibility.
- Use of human or animal subjects
 - Describe the detailed plan for how human subjects will be recruited for the study or how study samples will be collected. If animals are involved, describe plan for their use in the project. Also include if IRB approval has been obtained for this project with a reference to contact for verification or letter of approval.
- Disease Impact and Innovation
 - In layperson's terms, describe how results from this research project would lead to a potential decrease in mortality or morbidity or potential cure for pediatric brain cancers. Also, in this section, please explain how the research proposal is a novel approach to pediatric brain cancers.
- References

Section 4: Budget

This section should be no more than one page in length and should include budget information and justification. The following categories must be included:

- Personnel costs
- Salaries and wages
- Fringe benefits
- Supplies
- Equipment
- Patient care costs
- Other expenses (descriptive line item list)
- Indirect costs will not be funded through The Cure Starts Now



Section 5: Collaborations and Conflicts of Interest

Include biographical information for any investigators, co-investigators and any known key personnel that will be working on the research project. If the study will be a collaborative effort between investigators, this should be outlined above and the co-investigator should include his or her information in Section 1, along with a designated official from their institution. Biographical information should be in NIH biosketch format. The biosketch should include a description of any other studies for which the investigator(s) is currently being funded or is involved with.

PI must include a statement in this section that discloses any potential conflicts of interest regarding the research project or its funding by The Cure Starts Now. The PI must sign this conflict of interest statement (no stamps accepted). A potential conflict of interest is a situation in which a reviewer or individual involved in a funding decision, a family member, a friend, or other associate is in a position to gain or lose personally or professionally by the foundation's decision to fund or not fund the research project.