

KEY DATES

Request for Applications Opens:	June 3, 2015
Application Due:	August 3, 2015
Award Notification:	September 2015
Award Period:	October 2015 – October 2016

CURESEARCH FOR CHILDREN'S CANCER AND GATEWAY FOR CANCER RESEARCH COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD - CLINICAL TRIALS

CureSearch for Children's Cancer is dedicated to finding new treatments and cures for childhood cancer by driving the highest potential research projects through its Acceleration Initiative and Young Investigator grant portfolios. While these research results may come from investigators throughout the US or across the globe, CureSearch acknowledges the importance of translating results into clinical settings to accelerate tomorrow's cures. Clinical trials offer the greatest chance for widespread impact for families whose child's participation promises a better chance for survival. CureSearch is committed to supporting pediatric cancer clinical trials at local and community hospitals that are making a difference for children with cancer today.

To support these clinical studies, we are offering a new grant program, the Community Impact Award – Clinical Trials (CIA-CT), co-funded by Gateway for Cancer Research. **These awards will fund small initiatives (up to \$20,000) focused on pilot or early phase (Phase Zero, I or II) clinical trial programs for pediatric cancers.**

The CIA-CT awards will support United States (US) based hospitals enrolling patients in pilot or early phase (Phase Zero, I, II) clinical trials **within a single hospital or medical institution**. **These grants are intended to augment institutional efforts to administer clinical trials.** Awards may be utilized to:

- Initiate clinical studies
- Provide bridging funds for ongoing studies
- Provide research support for nurses, nurse practitioners, clinical fellows and associates involved in the clinical trial
- Support equipment, travel, educational materials, clinic operations, etc. in the service of pediatric oncology clinical trials

Together, CureSearch and Gateway for Cancer Research are committed to supporting clinical research that will accelerate and deliver new therapeutic

applications and the highest quality care to children with cancer. We will fund meritorious projects with impacts on new drugs and patient-centered outcomes.

ELIGIBILITY

CIA-CT grants are open to applicants from hospitals and medical institutions engaging in pediatric oncology clinical trials. Applicants and institutions must conform to the following eligibility criteria to apply for CIA-CT grant. Eligibility requirements must be met at the time of full application submission. Applicants with questions about eligibility should contact CureSearch before submitting an application.

- Principal Investigator (PI) must have a doctoral degree, including MD, PhD, MD-PhD, DO, or equivalent
- Grant recipient must be affiliated with a hospital/medical institution in the United States
- Funds will support clinical trials conducted within a single hospital or medical institution
- Laboratory scientists and clinical investigators must have adequate space to conduct proposed project.

FUNDING INFORMATION AND GRANT TERM

CIA-CT grants will award a maximum of \$20,000 to support a clinical trial. A total of \$500,000 is available for the combined 2015 CCIA and CIA-CT grant programs, contingent upon the availability of funds. These funds are available to qualified US-based hospitals that apply for funding based on the above-defined eligibility criteria.

BUDGET GUIDELINES

- The total allowed budget is a maximum of \$20,000, per project
- No application may exceed a project period greater than one year (October 2015-October 2016)
- Budgets must be efficient and should reflect the costs appropriate to support the proposed project
- No allowance for indirect costs

REVIEW PROCESS AND FUNDING DECISION

All applications are subject to review for eligibility, adherence to formatting requirements, and responsiveness to the program areas specified in this RFA. Applications that do not meet the aforementioned requirements will be

withdrawn. Each qualified application will undergo review by a panel appointed by CureSearch and Gateway for Cancer Research. Reviewers will assess the strengths and weaknesses of each application based on the defined review criteria described below. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions via email. The deadline for applications is August 3, 2015 and award decisions will be announced in September 2015.

CIA-CT Award Review Criteria

Project Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the project goals • Describe the approach and clinical trial study design • Describe the specific outcomes and deliverables of the proposed plan and how those outcomes will be measured
Patient Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the project's impact on patient-centered outcomes and clinical applications

GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All applications must be submitted in accordance with the requirements and instructions of this RFA.

All applications must be completed by **11:59 PM EDT, August 3, 2015** and be submitted via proposalCENTRAL at <https://proposalcentral.altum.com>.

You must establish a user account to submit a grant application. If you have a user account with proposalCENTRAL, simply log in. To begin, select "Grant Opportunities." Find "**CureSearch for Children's Cancer Community Impact Awards – Clinical Trials**" and click the "apply now" link to create your application.

Complete all fields in the application and all templates that are provided. Upload all requested documents in PDF or Word format. See the proposalCENTRAL FAQ section, <https://proposalcentral.altum.com/FAQ/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.asp>, for more information.

If you have difficulties registering, logging in, or creating your application, contact proposalCENTRAL Customer Support: Phone (800) 875-2562 or email pcsupport@altum.com

Application Format

Download the Template from proposalCENTRAL and complete all sections. Please follow the formatting requirements below. Applications not adhering to these format requirements will be administratively withdrawn prior to review.

- Must be in PDF or Word file format
- Font size: 12 point or larger
- Font Type: Times New Roman
- Page Size: No larger than 8.5 inches x 11.0 inches
- Margins: At least 0.5 inch in all directions
- The complete application must not exceed **three pages in length**

CIA-CT Application Template

Download the CIA-CT application template from proposalCENTRAL and fill in the following sections. The Narrative (Sections A-E) is limited to three pages in length. Cited Publications and supporting documents (i.e. Biosketch) are not included in this page number limit.

Section A: Title Applicants should enter the title of their proposal exactly as it is entered in proposalCENTRAL.

Section B: Clinical Impacts Include the total number of patients to be enrolled and total number of drugs to be tested

Section C: Project Description (two pages recommended)

- Clearly and concisely, outline the project goals
- Describe the approach and how it will lead to new therapeutic impacts
- Describe the specific outcomes/deliverables of the proposed plan and how those outcomes will be measured

Section D: Patient and Impact (half-page recommended)

Clearly and concisely, describe the project's impact on patient-centered outcomes and clinical applications

Section E: Support for CureSearch in your local area (half-page recommended)

Please detail how your institution supports CureSearch for Children's Cancer in your community. For example, support may include promoting CureSearch events, organizing teams, and event sponsorship. Be sure to detail all of your activities.

Cited Publications (if applicable) References must be numbered. Cited Publications are not included in the page limit.

Budget Template

Using budget template provided in proposal central, provide a detailed budget on how the funds will be utilized in the proposed budget period. The budget template is not included in the page limit.

Supporting Documents

Clinical Trial applicants must submit an NIH-Biosketch along with the application template. (Biosketch is not included in the page limit).

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDEES

- A final report will be required and is due on August 15, 2016. The report must include milestones and measurable patient impacts. A Final Report template form and instructions will be provided to all awardees 30 days prior to the deadline.
- Grantees are expected to account for the monies expended under the award in accordance with the approved project.

QUESTIONS?

Contact information for all inquiries regarding the grant application or how to get involved in CureSearch fundraising events is provided below.

Type of Inquiry	Contact
All programmatic inquires (including questions related to eligibility, application requirements, etc.)	Email: researchgrants@curesearch.org Phone: 240-235-2215
All technical inquiries related to the online application system, proposalCENTRAL	Email: pcsupport@altum.com Phone: 1-800-875-2562