



2010 NURSE RESEARCH APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation is a unique not-for-profit foundation that has evolved from a young cancer patient's front yard lemonade stand to a national foundation for childhood cancer.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation Nursing Grant Program is designed to encourage nursing research at all levels of practice. In each category the aims of the project must include plans to disseminate and share findings to improve nursing care for children with cancer.

Nurse Researcher Categories

Mentored - \$10,000 a year for 2 years
Intermediate - \$20,000 a year for 2 years
Independent - \$50,000 a year for 2 years

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ALSF Mentored Nurse Researcher Grants

Description

Mentored Nurse Researcher Grants are designed to support efforts of nurse researchers with both mentor and institutional support to accomplish small research projects with goals that relate to improving nursing care or quality of life for children with cancer and their families. Examples of fundable projects include collecting information to answer a nursing question related to care of a child with cancer or applying research based evidence to improve pediatric cancer nursing practices at the institution.

Criteria

- Principal Investigator must be a nurse.
- An individual or small group of nurses may apply.
- Interdisciplinary project applications are eligible provided a nurse is the principal investigator.
- A project timeline should be submitted with the application that outlines plans for completion of the project within a 2 year period of the award announcement.
- The nurse research mentor, with a minimum of a master's degree, must be involved in the project. Evidence of the mentor's role in both planning and mentoring must be documented in the letter of support described below.
- 2 letters of support must accompany the application. One letter must come from an administrator and a second from the applicant's mentor.

Budget

Grants of \$10,000 per year for two years to cover direct costs will be awarded. Budgets may include costs for consultations, supplies, mailings and such items not directly funded by the institution. Funds may be used to provide salary support or release time for the principal investigator. A portion of the budget may be used for costs for travel to a national conference to present findings. Budget must total \$10,000/per year.

Progress

- Second year funding is contingent upon a non-competitive review of a progress report which must demonstrate satisfactory completion of proposed research objectives and appropriate budget expenditures.
- A final progress report and budget is required at the conclusion of funding.
- Investigators are encouraged to present findings in formal poster or oral presentation at a national meeting or publish their findings in a peer reviewed journal.

ALSF Intermediate Nurse Researcher Grant

Description

Intermediate Nurse Researcher Grants are designed to financially support efforts of more experienced nurse researchers who have the support and commitment of their institution. Project goals must relate to improving nursing care or quality of life for children with cancer and their families. Such projects may collect information to answer a nursing question related to care of the child with cancer or may be designed to apply research based evidence to improve pediatric cancer nursing practice at the institution. Awards may not be used to supplement other support in a large project.

Criteria

- Principal Investigator must be a nurse.
- An individual or small group of nurses may apply.
- Interdisciplinary project applications are eligible providing a nurse is the principal investigator.
- A project timeline should be submitted with the application that plans for completion of the project within a 2 year period of the award announcement.
- 2 letters of support must accompany the application to attest to feasibility and applicability of the findings. One letter must come from an administrator and a second from the applicant's colleague.

Budget

Grants of \$20,000 per year for two years to cover direct costs will be awarded. Budgets may include costs for consultations, supplies, mailings and such items not directly funded by the institution. Funds may be used to provide salary support or release time for the principal investigator. A portion of the budget may be used for costs for travel to a national conference to present findings. Budget must total \$20,000/per year.

Progress

- Second year funding is contingent upon a non-competitive review of a progress report which must demonstrate satisfactory completion of proposed research objectives and appropriate budget expenditures.
- A final progress report and budget is required at the conclusion of funding.
- Investigators are encouraged to present findings in formal poster or oral presentation at a national meeting or publish their findings in a peer reviewed journal.

ALSF Independent Nurse Researcher Grants

Description

These applications are expected to be from experienced investigators to investigate topics and issues related to the quality of nursing care and the quality of life for children with cancer. Demonstration of a career that shows commitment to pediatric cancer nursing is a critical component of a successful application. Awards may not be used to supplement other support in a large project.

Criteria

- Principal Investigator must be a nurse.
- An individual or small group of nurses may apply.
- The applicant must document evidence of previously completed successful research projects and published results.
- Interdisciplinary project applications are eligible providing a nurse is the principal investigator.
- Preliminary data are not required but the application must demonstrate feasibility to conduct proposed study.
- A project timeline should be submitted with the application that plans for completion of the project within a 2 year period of the award announcement.
- 2 letters of support must accompany the application to attest to feasibility and applicability of the findings. One letter must come from an administrator and a second from the applicant's colleague.

Budget

Grants of \$50,000 per year for two years in direct costs will be awarded. Funds may be used to provide salary support or release time for the principal investigator. Budget must total \$50,000/per year.

Progress

- Second year funding is contingent upon a non-competitive review of a progress report which must demonstrate satisfactory completion of proposed research objectives and appropriate budget expenditures.
- A final progress report and budget is required at the conclusion of funding.
- Investigators are encouraged to present findings in formal poster or oral presentation at a national meeting or publish their findings in a peer reviewed journal.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION

All applications must be submitted online by August 2, 2010 at midnight ET.
Late applications will not be accepted.

2010 Grant Cycle Dates

Application Due Date	August 2, 2010 (mid night eastern time)
Award Notification Date	End of October 2010
Project Start Date	January 3, 2011
Progress Report	January 3, 2012
Final Report	January 2, 2013 (financials as of 12/31/12)

Review Process

- Applications, Progress Reports, Final Reports and respective Budgets will be reviewed by the Nursing Review Board (NRB). Please see our website for a list of NRB members.

Restrictions

ALSF will not consider:

- Applications with indirect costs attached.
- Projects with other funding.
- Projects previously funded by ALSF.
- Applications that do not fall into ALSF's mission.
- Applications received after the due date.
- Applications that do not follow the guidelines or submission process described below.

Grant Application Format

All applications must be submitted using ALSF's 2 part online submission process. Applicants must first complete the online form then upload the application in one pdf (max 10 MB). Applicants can request a password and start an application by visiting the Nursing Grants section of the website: www.ALSFgrants.org.

I. Online Form

A. Contact information

Applicant will be asked for basic contact information for themselves, their mentor (if applicable), and their institution. In addition, applicants should submit a payable contact, should the project be funded.

B. Project Overview and Layman's Summary

Enter project title, request amount, type of childhood cancer the project is focused on as well as a 250 words summary of the research project in layman's terms. (You will be asked to release this summary for use at ALSF's discretion should proposal be funded.) You may copy and paste information from other documents into this section.

II. Application Outline

Below is an outline for the Nurse Researcher Application.

- All sections should be combined into one pdf (max 10 MB) .
- All templates can be found under Guidelines and Submission Information on www.ALSFgrants.org.
- Each page of the application should be numbered and the name of the principal investigator should appear in the upper right-hand corner.
- Please follow NIH font guidelines: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, or Georgia fonts with a font size of 11 points or larger and minimum of ½ inch margins.
- The order of the application should be as follows, adhering to the maximum number of pages allowed for each subsection indicated in parentheses.

A. Cover Page

Use the document provided on the ALSF website (link above).

B. Table of Contents (1 page)

Please provide a Table of Contents with page numbers to the corresponding sections.

C. Project Information

a. Impact Statement (1/2 page)

How will this project impact pediatric cancer patients?

b. Scientific Abstract (1/2 page)

Summarize the research objectives and rationale.

c. Budget and Justification

Use the budget template. No indirect costs will be paid.

d. Biographical Sketch (es)

Use the PHS 398 four page biographical sketch format for the applicant and any key personnel (including Mentor, if applicable).

e. Research Project Details

i. Specific Aims (1 page)

Briefly describe the research problem, state the specific aims and include the research questions or hypotheses to be tested.

ii. Background (1 page)

Review the relevant evidence related to the research project.

iii. Preliminary Studies (2 pages)

Mentor and/or applicant's preliminary studies pertinent to proposed project.

iv. Experimental Approach and Research Design (4 pages)

Describe how research will be realistically accomplished with in the proposed funding period and the experimental approach to the study including:

- Research Design
- Method
- Sampling Procedures- target sample and selection process, population access, treatment and diagnosis information
- Measurement tools (if applicable) – include reliability and validity information
- Proposed Statistical Analysis
- Timeline

v. Human Subjects (1/2 page)

Describe the role that human subjects have in the proposed project. Copies of relevant documentation should be attached, including IRB approval letter. If approval letter is pending please note in this section.

vi. Literature Cited (1 page)

A maximum of 30 references are allowed. Please use Vancouver Format.

vii. Resubmissions (2 pages)

If this proposal was submitted previously and did not receive funding, please describe any changes in the application i.e. change in experimental design or new data.

viii. Letters of Support

Include two letters of support to attest to feasibility and applicability of the project. One letter must be from an administrator and the second from a mentor (for Mentored Nurse Researchers) or colleague.

ix. Appendix

Include copies of the instrument here. Appendices should be vital to the understanding of the application. Excessive appendices will disqualify an application.