



## 2012 Pediatric Oncology Student Training (POST) Program

The POST Program is for graduate and medical students interested in pursuing a career in pediatric oncology research. Students select a mentor in the field of pediatric oncology research to continue their training throughout the summer months. The project may be ongoing research in the mentor's lab or original and does not need to be completed in the program period. A maximum of \$6,000 per student will be awarded for applicants accepted into the POST Program.

### Program Goals

- Exposure to the field of pediatric oncology research
- Development of practical research skills
- Experience of a real-time research project

### Applicant Eligibility and Requirements

- Previous POST Program grant recipients are ineligible.
- Must currently be in medical or graduate school but do not need to be enrolled in classes over the summer. Student may not be doing work on a thesis, research elective or curriculum-related activity during POST Program time.
- Must apply with a mentor from the field of pediatric oncology research.
- Must be able to dedicate a *minimum* of eight full weeks to the program between May 1 and August 31, 2012.
- Attendance at seminars and other educational events related to the field which occur at student's site are encouraged.
- Must submit two final requirements by October 1, 2012:
  - o Written summary of achievements and accomplishments during the POST Program (2 pages)
  - o Online survey by student *and* mentor.

### Mentors

- Mentors must be available for training and guidance during the Program period.
- Students are expected to reach program goals and complete the submitted training plan; research projects requiring more than eight weeks are not expected to be completed.
- ALSF will consider multiple applications from an institution.

### Budget

- A maximum of \$6,000 will be awarded. Funds will be sent to the institution and can be designated to a specific lab. No indirect costs will be paid.
- Stipend: \$4,000 - \$6,000 must be used for the student's stipend over the program period
- Supplies: Up to \$2,000 may be used for supplies associated with their work.
  - o Excludes equipment, service contracts or longer term supplies.
  - o Overlap of budgeted supplies among multiple POST students in a lab is prohibited.

### Important Dates

Application Due.....March 15, 2012 11:59 pm ET  
Acceptance Notification.....April 2, 2012  
Final Report & Surveys.....October 1, 2012

## POST Program Application Guidelines

The order of the application should follow the outline below, adhering to the maximum number of pages allowed for each subsection indicated in parentheses. Applications should follow NIH format guidelines: Use Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, or Georgia font type with a font size of 11 points or larger and a minimum of half inch margins. All pages of the application should be numbered and the name of the applicant should appear in the upper right-hand corner of each page

### Application Guidelines

- A. *Essay* - Please describe what you hope to get out of the POST Program and how it would impact you as a future researcher. Describe research interests in pediatric oncology and any additional pertinent information. (1 page)
- B. *Accomplishments* - Include personal and/or professional achievements. (Half page)
- C. *Training Plan* - Describe your goals for the program, how you and your mentor will attain them and the start/end dates of the period you will dedicate to the program. (1 page)
- D. *Letters of Recommendation* (2) - One from your current mentor (if your current mentor is also your summer mentor, instead use one from a recent professor). The second from a medical/graduate school department head or advisor. (2 pages)
- E. *Letter from Summer Mentor* - Letter should confirm mentorship role with the student and briefly address the project they will be working on.
  - Include a budget outlining how ALSF funds will be used for student's stipend and supplies. The minimum student stipend is \$4,000 and supplies maximum is \$2,000.
  - Please note any other stipends associated with the student's time in the summer mentor's lab. (2 pages)
- F. *Student's Resume or Biosketch* (2 pages)
- G. *Summer Mentor's Biosketch* (4 pages, NIH format)

### Submission Process

All requests must be submitted using ALSF's online application process by March 15, 2012, 11:59 pm ET. Applicants can start an application by going to [www.ALSFgrants.org](http://www.ALSFgrants.org) and selecting POST Program.

Part 1 – Complete online form

Part 2 – Upload application as one pdf (max 10 MB)

### Restrictions

- Institution must be in the U.S. or Canada.
- Applicant does not need to be a U.S. citizen.
- Incomplete applications will be rejected.
- No indirect costs will be paid.
- Previous POST Program grant recipients are ineligible.

**Please contact Kay Schaul at (610) 649-3034 if  
you have any questions or send an email to  
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