



2015 PSYCHOSOCIAL GRANTS LETTER OF INTENT

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Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) evolved from the front yard lemonade stand of cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott (1996-2004) into a national fundraising movement to research and find new cures for all childhood cancer patients. To date, ALSF has raised more than **\$100 million** since 2006 to fund **OVER 500** childhood cancer research projects at **more than 100** top hospitals and institutions in the U.S. and Canada.

ALSF offers two different Psychosocial Grant opportunities:

The Psychosocial: Launch Grants are designed for early career researchers within (7) years of receiving their terminal degree. Funding will support studies that aim to explain and/or improve psychosocial outcomes of those affected by childhood cancer. Demonstration of outstanding mentorship and a career plan that shows commitment to pediatric cancer investigation are important components of a successful application. Maximum \$50,000 per year for 2 years will be awarded to applicants.

The Psychosocial: Family Impact Grants are designed for established investigators. Funding will support studies that aim to explain and/or improve psychosocial outcomes of those affected by childhood cancer. These grants are designed to fund researchers who have novel approaches to understanding the psychosocial aspects of pediatric cancer whose proposals will have clinically significant impact. The award amount is \$100,000 per year for three years.

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Description

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) is committed to addressing the psychosocial and behavioral health outcomes for children diagnosed with cancer and their families. Our Psychosocial Grants fill a direct need for research funding by supporting studies that aim to explain and/or improve psychosocial outcomes of those affected by childhood cancer. These grants are designed to fund researchers who have novel approaches to understanding the psychosocial aspects of pediatric cancer whose proposals will have clinically significant impact. ALSF will offer two types of Psychosocial Grants supporting research proposals: the Launch Grants for early career researchers and the Family Impact Grants for established investigators.

Eligibility Criteria

Psychosocial: Launch Grants - Early Career Researcher/Mentored Category

- Applicants must have completed all formal training and must have a full-time position that includes research activities devoted to pediatric cancer.
- Demonstrated track record of psychosocial research in pediatric cancer commensurate with their early career status.
- Applicants may be Ph.D., M.D., D.O., Ed.D., D.N.P., or M.D./Ph.D..
- Applicant must be within (7) years of receiving their terminal degree.
- The applicant must not currently hold an independent NIH grant (R or P Award). Applicant may currently have a NIH K Award but in this case may not receive any salary support from ALSF as part of this grant application.
- A research mentor must be clearly identified and the application must document his/her involvement in experimental design and execution, as well as training and mentorship.

Psychosocial: Family Impact - Established Investigator Category

- Applicants should be independent investigators with a full-time faculty appointment at an academic institution, or an equivalent position, and a dedication to pediatric cancer research.
- Applicants may be Ph.D., M.D., D.O., Ed.D., D.N.P., or M.D./Ph.D..
- Applicants must have demonstrated success in obtaining prior research funding (grants with at least a 2 year funding period) within the field of pediatric cancer from either NIH or other foundations. The project submitted should not overlap with previous award(s).
- Research proposals are to be carried out by established investigators who must have a strong track record of peer-reviewed publications.
- Co-Principal Investigators are permitted in the Family Impact category only. Co-PIs should demonstrate a history of prior successful collaborations. At least one of the Co-PIs must have pediatric oncology expertise. Additional Co-PIs not working in pediatric oncology should have complementary expertise to benefit the project, such as expertise in a particular methodology or intervention that is being applied to a pediatric cancer sample.

Resubmissions: Only one resubmission of a previously reviewed Psychosocial Grant proposal is permitted.

Evaluation Criteria

- Investigator(s)' background and track record of conducting applicable clinical research.
- Innovation and potential significance or impact.
- Strength of research plan.
- Mentorship and mentors' commitment to the investigator and the mentoring process (*Launch Grant only*).
- Grants must be focused on clinical psychosocial research within the scope of pediatric cancer, which can include but is not limited to; diagnosis, furthering the understanding of how families cope and adapt, investigations of randomized clinical trials, neurocognitive issues; transition to adulthood/survivorship and use of M-Health/E-Health interventions.

Restrictions

- ALSF will only consider Letters of Intent from U.S. or Canadian institution OR organizations. However the PI(s) need not be a U.S. citizen.
- Institutions must have non-profit tax status.
- No tuition or indirect costs will be paid.
- Fellowships need to have been completed by the time funding would begin.

We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions about the appropriateness of your research ideas for this funding mechanism via Grants@AlexsLemonade.org.

Guidelines and Submission Information

LOI Guidelines

Sections I - IV may not exceed one page. Sections V and VI (Literature Citations) may use additional pages.

Please create two documents in PDF format: One document should contain Sections I – VI and a second document should contain Section VII - Biosketch(es) for the Principal Investigator, the Mentor (Launch applications only), and any Co-PI(s).

- I. Abstract (250 words maximum)
Rationale, Hypothesis, Specific Aims, Design
- II. Impact Statement (2 sentences)
State how this project will impact childhood cancer patients.
- III. Innovation Statement (2 sentences)
State how this project is a novel approach to childhood cancer research.
- IV. Mentorship Team/Plan - Early Launch Category Only (150 words maximum)
Outline mentors and describe general plan for mentorship.
- V. Resubmissions (100 words maximum) Has this project been submitted to ALSF before and not been funded? If yes, please describe what has changed (data, design, aims etc.). If not, skip this section.
- VI. Literature Citations (please use Vancouver or APA style)
- VII. Biosketch(es) - Please use the new NIH format (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm#format>) for:
 - The primary investigator, collaborators, and consultants.
 - The mentor (if applicable).*Family Impact Grants - should include Biosketches for any Co-PIs as well as a section that states their role and responsibilities in the project.

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All requests must be submitted using ALSF's online application process. To start an LOI:

1. Go to ALSFgrants.org and click the orange "Information for grant applicants" button.
2. **To start** an online LOI, under "**Get Started/Start a New Grant Application**" click the drop down arrow and select the Psychosocial Grants LOI application link.
 - Returning users- login with your email address and password
 - New users- click New Applicant link to set up an account with email address and password
4. **Complete** the online form with contact information.
 - Attachments – Upload (2) PDF documents mentioned under the Guidelines section above
 - Review & Submit or Save your application and return at a later time to continue working

Please note: Once you start the online form, you may save the information and login at a later time. You may review your submission before you submit. You will receive a confirmation email once you submit your online form.

LOI due July 20, 2015. Notification will be sent mid-August 2015. Upon invitation, the full application will be due October 16, 2015.

Questions? Please Contact Patty Ohlott at 610-649-3034 or Grants@AlexsLemonade.org.