



**Letter of Intent Guidelines
for
2019 Psychosocial Launch Grant
Due June 17, 2019**

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Invitations to submit a full application are sent by email.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of 4-year-old Alexandra "Alex" Scott, who was fighting cancer and wanted to raise money to find cures for all children with cancer. Her spirit and determination inspired others to support her cause, and when she passed away at the age of 8, she had raised \$1 million. Since then, the Foundation bearing her name has evolved into a national fundraising movement. Today, ALSF is one of the leading funders of pediatric cancer research in the U.S. and Canada having raised more than \$150 million so far, funding nearly 1,000 research projects and providing programs to families affected by childhood cancer. For more information, visit AlexsLemonade.org.

The Psychosocial: Launch Grants are designed for early career researchers within 7 years of receiving their terminal degree/completing formal training. 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 two 2 years will be awarded to applicants.

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2019 Psychosocial Launch Grant - Letter of Intent Due June 17, 2019 (11:59 PM ET)

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 Launch Grant fills a direct need for research funding by supporting studies that aim to explain and/or improve psychosocial outcomes of those affected by childhood cancer. This grant is designed to fund researchers who have novel approaches to understanding the psychosocial aspects of pediatric cancer and whose proposals will have clinically significant impact.

Eligibility Criteria

Psychosocial: Launch Grants - Early Career Researcher/Mentored Category

- Applicants must have completed all formal training, including any post-doctoral or research fellowships, 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., Psy.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/completion of formal training. The eligibility timeline is determined on a calendar year basis, not specific month/day.
- 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.

Resubmissions: Up to 2 resubmissions of a previously reviewed, but not funded, ALSF Psychosocial Grant proposal are 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 mentor's commitment to the investigator and the mentoring process
- 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.
- *NEW:* Resource sharing is an expected outcome of a completed project. The review will consider how outputs are shared as a component of impact. For a full description see [Resource Sharing Form](#).

Restrictions

- ALSF will only consider Letters of Intent from U.S. or Canadian institutions. However, PI(s) need not be U.S. citizen or Canadian citizens.
- 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.

Important Dates

LOI Due Date	June 17, 2019 (11:59 pm Eastern Time)
Invitation to Submit Full Application	August, 2019
Application Due Date	October 7, 2019
Award Notification	December, 2019
Project Start Date	February, 2020

Guidelines and Submission Information

LOI Guidelines

Sections I - V may not exceed one page. Please adhere to text length for each section. **Section VI** (Resubmissions) and **Section VII** (Literature Citations) may use additional pages.

Please create one document in PDF format: One document should contain Sections I – VII and Section VIII - Biosketch(es) for the Principal Investigator and Mentor.

- 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. **Resource Sharing** (2 sentences)
The full application will require the applicant to describe how outputs from a completed project will be shared. State how this project's impact will be enhanced by sharing outputs.
- V. **Mentorship Team/Plan** - (150 words maximum)
Identify mentor(s) and describe general plan for mentorship.
- VI. **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.
- VII. **Literature Citations** (please use Vancouver or APA style)
- VIII. **Biosketch(es)** – Include all Biosketches in one separate PDF. Include a cover page that lists each individual and briefly describes their role(s) in the project. Biosketches should use [current NIH formatting](#) for:
 - The Principal Investigator, collaborators, and consultants.
 - The Mentor.

Submission Information

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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 "Information for Grant Applicants" button.
 2. **To start** an online LOI, click "Get Started" button to access the portal. If you are new to ALSF's portal, here is a [step-by-step guide](#) with screen shots!
 - Returning users- login with your username and password;
 - New users- click "New User" link to set up an account with email address and password. Please note that our new system does not recognize login information from the prior portal; if you have not used the new portal, be sure to register as a new user. Make sure the account name is your institution.
 4. Once logged in select the grant LOI you wish to submit. **Complete** the online form with contact and project information.
 - Upload LOI and biosketches as one PDF (maximum of 10 MB) – see format guidelines on previous pages.
 - Review & Submit or Save your LOI and return at a later time to continue working.
 5. **To continue** your saved LOI, go to ALSFapps.force.com and log in.
 - You will land on your dashboard. Click "Applications" to edit your LOI in progress.
 - Complete the form and upload the PDF.
 6. To submit, click Review & Submit. Once you have looked over the form, click Submit. You will see error messages for any required fields that need to be completed.
 7. After your LOI has been successfully submitted an *email confirmation will be sent*. You will not be able to amend the LOI after submission.
 8. Make sure your Profile contact information is correct while on your dashboard!
4. **Complete** the online form with contact information.
- In the "Program Area" field of the form, select the type of grant for which you are applying *Please take extra care to select the correct type from the dropdown.*
 - Attachments – Upload (1) PDF document 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.

Notification will be sent early August 2019. Upon invitation, the full application will be due October 7, 2019.

Questions? Please contact Judy Oliver at 610-649-3034 or Grants@AlexsLemonade.org.