The Cincinnati-based CancerFree KIDS Pediatric Cancer Research Alliance announces its annual Research Awards to support investigators in the fight against childhood cancer.

**Purpose:** The awards are intended to stimulate new research on childhood cancer. Funds are intended to be seed money to launch new high-risk / high-reward initiatives. Priorities include less toxic treatments/targeted therapies.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be actively engaged in cancer research at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center or Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Applications will be accepted from persons at all levels of academic rank, including trainees, junior faculty and established investigators. Although non-faculty are permitted to submit a proposal in their name under the mentorship of a faculty member, only one application will be accepted from each lab. Faculty should choose their best projects for submission. If the application is from a non-faculty trainee (student, resident, fellow, post-doc), please indicate faculty mentor name on application.

**Budget:** Awards made to CCHMC or Nationwide Children’s will be for $20,000 - $50,000. The money may be used for salary support of research staff who are not covered by a training grant or by institutional training programs (no salary for residents or fellows) or to purchase equipment and supplies. No more than 30% of the total award should be used for salary. Funds are not to be used as principal investigator salary support. No indirect costs are provided.

**Instructions:** New for 2016: Each application is reviewed first by a Medical Advisory Team and then by the CancerFree KIDS Grant Selection Committee, therefore we request that you submit a 2 page application: (1) a scientific summary for the Medical Team that provides them with sufficient detail to evaluate your proposal and (2) a lay summary of the research. PLEASE MAKE AN EXTRA EFFORT TO USE NON-TECHNICAL LANGUAGE. Non-scientist members of the CancerFree KIDS Grant Selection Committee must be able to understand the essence of the proposal. The text should include background, hypothesis, what is innovative, and a general outline of the experimental design. Indicate the expected outcome and significance of the work and what makes it different from other research in this area. Briefly describe the proposed use of the funds (budget). Applications are limited to 2 pages as described above. Because this is an extramural funding source, applicants at both institutions must complete their usual extramural grant submission process. Once all of the required checks have been completed, grants must be submitted by your divisional grants manager via e-mail to CancerFree KIDS using the address below by 5 pm on Friday, March 11, 2016.

**Selection Criteria:** All types of basic or clinical research involving childhood cancer will be considered. Priority will be given to those projects that are the most innovative and potentially game-changing. Projects should represent a new direction for research team.

**Terms and Conditions:** Award recipients must acknowledge and notify CancerFree KIDS in any publications resulting from the research, and provide a written summary of the research progress within 6 months of end of project. Successful applicants will be asked to give a brief oral overview of the work at a future CancerFree Kids meeting or event.

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