

## 2025 Kids Cancer Care Award in Childhood Cancer Research

### Funding Opportunity

The Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute invites applications to a new award funded by Kids Cancer Care. This award is intended to provide seed funding for childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer research that focuses on:

- Surviving (may include basic, translational, clinical, and experimental therapeutics research focused on improving the survival of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancers) and/or
- Thriving (may include epidemiological, late-effects, psychosocial, nursing, nutrition, social work, and exercise research focused on improving the well-being of individuals diagnosed with childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancers)

### Funds Available & Application Deadline

Total funds available for the competition: **\$150,000**

Number of Awards: 2 awards (up to \$75,000 each)

Application Deadline: 4pm on Friday, May 16, 2025

Funding Decision (anticipated): June 30, 2025

Submit applications to [charbonneau@ucalgary.ca](mailto:charbonneau@ucalgary.ca)

### Application Guidelines

- Principal Applicant must hold an academic appointment (including adjunct) at the University of Calgary or at Alberta Health Services.
- Members of the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute and/or the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI) are eligible to apply.
  - If you are not yet a member of the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute, you may apply for membership at the same time you submit this application.
- Two awards up to \$75,000 each will be available from the \$150,000 available funding.
- Funds will be awarded based on feasibility (timeline, research environment, resources, and expertise), scientific merit of the research, significance and impact of the proposed project, relevance to childhood cancer, and alignment with one or both of the themes of 'surviving' and 'thriving' as described above.
- Joint applications from two or more investigators/research groups to foster collaborations are encouraged.
- Applications for new projects that have the potential to grow to larger projects in the future, and projects that add value to existing projects are encouraged.
- Applications from new/junior investigators are encouraged. Note: New or junior investigators with gaps in research resources or expertise may benefit from co-application with a more established investigator.
- Patient and/or care-giver involvement in the development of the study is strongly encouraged.
- Funds must be non-overlapping and can be used for:
  - Salary support for research staff, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, trainees, patient partners

- Research support for consumables, equipment, services, software, clinical/administrative data access, data storage, and other relevant research costs
  - Conference registration of travel, costs to bring visiting scientists and other researchers to Calgary
  - Capital equipment, administrative costs, including faculty or staff professional development expenses related directly to the project.
  - Funds must be used within 24 months.
- Awards will be determined based on the project's innovation, scientific merit, feasibility (including applicant/team), potential impact, patient involvement and/or consultation, and relevance to pediatric cancers. As part of the review, a patient advisor may be invited to provide feedback, which will be considered by the review panel during the adjudication process.
- **Application documents:**
    - Cover sheet (use attached form).
    - Proposal (2 pages maximum): background/rationale, experimental design/methods, and significance.
    - Figures (1 page maximum) may be attached if desired.
    - References (1 page maximum).
    - Itemized budget with justification.
    - Abridged CV (2 pages) for the principal applicant only, highlighting publications, current and pending (applied for) funding, and any accomplishments relevant to the application.

## **Responsibilities of Recipients**

The recipient(s) of funding from the Kids Cancer Care Award in Childhood Cancer Research will be responsible for providing a report on the use of funds provided by the award and acknowledging the award as appropriate in publications and presentations. Recipients are also expected to present at Pediatric Oncology Research Day after completion of the award term, if requested.

The Project Lead will be responsible for managing expenditures in accordance with the approved budget and reporting on an annual basis project expenditures and outcomes.



APPLICANT DETAILS	
Title of Proposal:	
Principal Applicant	Name: Email address: Phone number:
Co-Applicant (if applicable)	Name: Email address: Phone number:
Other Members (if applicable)	Name: Email address:
	Name: Email address:
	Name: Email address:

SIGNATURES	
PRINCIPAL APPLICANT SIGNATURE:	
CO-APPLICANT SIGNATURE (IF APPLICABLE):	
DATE OF SUBMISSION: (dd/mm/yyyy)	

PROPOSED RESEARCH
<p>Append the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lay summary (no more than 500 words) describing the rationale, approach, and impact of your study. This section may be reviewed by a patient and/or caregiver research advisor.</li> <li>2. Proposal (2 pages maximum using 12-point font and 1-inch margins; single spacing is okay), which should include a background, scientific rationale, experimental design/methods, and significance/potential impact.</li> <li>3. <b>ONE PAGE</b> of figures and <b>ONE PAGE</b> of references may be appended.</li> </ol>