



# Bear Necessities

## PEDIATRIC CANCER FOUNDATION

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Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation is pleased to announce its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Cracking the Code with the Bear" Research Symposium on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the University of Chicago Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. We are currently accepting nominations for senior graduate students to present their research in the field of cancer biology and epigenomics.

The goals of the symposium are to highlight promising pediatric cancer research taking place at the graduate student level, foster collaborations and networking among rising stars in the field, and provide a forum for students, research professionals and the community to discuss groundbreaking research that has the potential to help us find a cure. We will be inviting nine graduate students to present at the symposium. Two presenters will be awarded a \$20,000 grant to further their research at the post-doctoral level.

To nominate a senior graduate student, please submit a nomination letter with a copy of the student's curriculum vitae and an abstract of one page or less summarizing the research project. All nominations can be submitted via email to Julie Blandford at [jblandford@bearnecessities.org](mailto:jblandford@bearnecessities.org) or via mail to:

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All nominations must be received by Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. A review committee on Bear Necessities' Medical Advisory Council will review all nominations and select the nine presenters based on merit. The selected presenters will be asked to arrive on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and participate in a full-day symposium on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Accommodations for Thursday evening and a round-trip flight to/from Chicago will be provided. Presenters will have the opportunity to extend their stay and arrange to visit Chicago-area research programs if interested.

Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation is committed to furthering research that may bring us one step closer to discovering a cure for this devastating disease. In addition to funding the annual research symposium, Bear Necessities has funded over \$2 million in pediatric cancer research grants over the past eighteen years. Please do take the opportunity to visit our website to review our research grant funding guidelines at [www.bearnecessities.org](http://www.bearnecessities.org). We look forward to another successful and engaging symposium highlighting cutting-edge pediatric cancer research.

We hope you will nominate an outstanding graduate student for this exciting event! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Blandford at [jblandford@bearnecessities.org](mailto:jblandford@bearnecessities.org) or (312) 214-1200 ext. 32.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Casey  
President and Founder



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