A Collaborative Pediatric Cancer Research Awards Program streamlines the grant process for researchers, reviewers and organizations. It is like the Common Application that the Ivy League schools use. Members include Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research (Rally), Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation, The Truth 365, Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation, Open Hands Overflowing Hearts and Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer, national nonprofit organizations dedicated to eliminating childhood cancer through innovative research in pediatric oncology. Members of the Collaboration may choose to co-fund or individually fund a grant. Last year, the Collaboration awarded more than $2.5 million in more than 30 research and fellowship grants. Each organization provides its own funding for grants it selects to fund and should be recognized as the donor and in publications. The Collaboration should not be recognized as a donor. Rally is the administrator of the Collaboration and the grants.

2018 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR, INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR AND CONSORTIUM GRANT

LETTER OF INTENT
Application Opens
October 20, 2017
9:00 a.m. EST
https://proposalcentral.altum.com
Due December 1, 2017
by 11:30 a.m. EST

FULL APPLICATION
(For those invited to apply based on the Letter of Intent)
Application Opens
January 15, 2018
9:00 a.m. EST
Due February 22, 2018 by 11:30 a.m. EST

NOTICE OF AWARD
Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research, Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation, Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer, Open Hands Overflowing Hearts and The Truth 365
by April 30, 2018
Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation
by June 30, 2018

START OF GRANT TERM
All funded grants will start on July 1, 2018

THE COLLABORATION INVITES LETTERS OF INTENT
for funding of projects in the following areas:

Basic Science Research
Clinical Translational Research
Survivorship and Palliative Care Studies
Alternative Therapy Studies (using natural agents, integrated, personalized or holistic approaches)

FUNDING
Young Investigator and Independent Investigator Grants are for one or two years of support. At the end of the award, you may apply for additional funding for the next grant cycle.
Each grant will be awarded up to $50,000 per year. Consortium grants, multi-institutional (three or more) collaborative research project(s) may apply for support up to $100,000 per year for up to two years.

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) SUBMISSION PROCESS
All interested Investigators must complete the online application LOI sections following the guidelines detailed below:

Title Page
Project Title is limited to 75 characters.
Young Investigators must be no more than five years post fellowship.
If you are an Independent Investigator and wish to be considered for the pre-clinical testing grant, please put $100,000 in the total amount requested.

Project Summary
Layman’s Summary suitable for general audience limited to 2,000 characters or less.
Scientific Abstract suitable for technical audience limited to 2,000 characters or less.
Brief description, 1,000 characters or less, of the applicant’s major research interests and expertise.
Research Category List (select all that apply).
Cancer Site List (select all that apply).

LOI TEMPLATE AND REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS
Biosketch formatted to 2017 NIH guidelines.
Letter of Intent (limited to two and a half pages including header) must include a Scientific Abstract providing a clear, concise overview of the proposed cancer research project, limited to half a page, and state the Specific Aims, Rationale and Approach, Innovation and Potential for Translational Application, and Future Patient Benefit.
Relevant references must be attached and are limited to one page.

All LOIs will be vetted through the competitive peer-review process. Based on scores, a limited number of applicants, whose LOIs are deemed most meritorious, will be invited to submit full research proposals to be considered for the available grants. All LOI applicants will receive an email on or before January 12, 2018, notifying them of the status of their application. The full application submission process will open January 15, 2018.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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