



Childhood Cancer Research Seed Grants Letter of Intent (LOI) Application Guidelines

Who We Are

The Pablove Foundation invests in underfunded, cutting-edge pediatric cancer research, and improves the lives of children living with cancer through the arts. Our mission is built on our impassioned desire to find a cure, and to allow kids living with cancer to still be kids while undergoing treatment.

What We Fund

The Pablove Foundation is interested in principal investigators who will join us in taking risks, pushing for new solutions, and harnessing the transformative power of science in their research in the following areas, with preferences going toward less common childhood cancers:

- Mechanisms of Disease
- Genetics
- Preclinical Models
- Biomarkers and Surrogate Markers
- Prognostic Factors
- Diagnosis
- Innovative Clinical Therapeutic Trials
- Minimal Residual Disease Detection
- Treatment

- Supportive Care and Prevention
- Amelioration of Long-Term Effects of Therapy

In addition, projects that focus on Opsoclonus-Myoclonus Syndrome (OMS) will be considered.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Senior postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty who hold M.D.s or Ph.D.s. In addition, established scientists who are re-directing their research are also eligible to apply for seed funding. International applicants and institutions are welcome to apply; there is no residency requirement. Past Seed Grant recipients are not eligible to apply.

How Much Do We Fund?

The Seed Grants provides \$50,000 for 1 year of funding.

Grantees who wish to continue gathering preliminary data to prepare for support past the seed stage may apply for an additional year of funding. Please note that this funding is not guaranteed; a second year of funding may be granted based on exemplary scientific progress, availability of funds, and competitiveness with the incoming class of new grant applicants. In addition, no cost extensions may be granted on an individual basis with specific written request.

What Can the Funds Be Used For?

The \$50,000 may be used for direct costs that cover investigators' salaries (including key personnel other than the PI), supplies, technical help, small equipment directly related to the proposed project, and travel. Indirect (F&A) costs and purchases of capital equipment are not allowed. In lieu of indirect costs, a maximum of 5% of the grant amount will be provided to sponsoring institutions upon timely submission of the required deliverables.

The Review Process

The first stage of providing a fair and expert review for grant applications consists of scientific peer review by a group of highly esteemed scientists who make up the Pablove Scientific Advisory Committee:

<http://www.pablove.org/our-team/scientific-advisory-committee/>.

Applicants must first submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) through the proposalCENTRAL system. All LOIs will be vetted through a 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. The

peer review panel uses standard guidelines for scoring applicants with an emphasis on innovation, scientific rigor, and relevance to the mission of The Pablove Foundation.

The Scientific Advisory Committee panel recommendations are then reviewed by The Pablove Foundation Board of Directors who make the final decision on which projects to fund.

Although final scores will not be returned, review critiques will be provided to the proposal PI who participates in full proposal stage. The Pablove Foundation does not provide critiques for LOI applicants at this time.

Letters of Intent Guidelines

Investigators who wish to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) describing a project that fits within The Pablove Foundation Childhood Research Grants project priority areas must complete the proposalCENTRAL LOI instructions and include the following sections:

1) Title Page: In addition to creating a title, you will be asked to select a sub-program for your application. The default for all grants is Childhood Cancer Research Seed Grant. If your research is specific to Opsoclonus Myoclonus *only*, please select that sub-type.

2) Templates and Instructions:

- a. Program Guidelines (available for download)
- b. NIH Biosketch template (available for download, to be uploaded in Section 9)

3) User Access: This section in proposalCENTRAL allows you to grant others access to your proposal. Instructions within proposalCENTRAL.

4) Applicant Profile: This section in proposalCENTRAL pulls from the professional profile of the Primary Investigator (PI) who created the LOI. To update your professional profile, click Edit Profile. To change PI, select from list and click button to confirm selection.

5) Institution: Provide information on the institution with which you are affiliated

6) Project Summary, including:

- A) Lay Summary (1,500 characters)
- B) Scientific Summary, including (8,000 characters):
 - a) Specific Aims
 - b) Rationale and Approach
 - c) Innovation, Potential and future Patient Benefit

7) Budget Summary: Provide a 1 year budget for an award amount of \$50,000

8) Other Support: You can add any current and pending support that has been attached to your proposalCENTRAL profile.

9) Attachments:

- a. Relevant references to support the PI's hypothesis must be uploaded as a PDF and limited to 1 page
- b. NIH Biosketch, uploaded as a PDF
- c. Graphs/figures (optional-limited to 1 page)

Please remember to adhere to all character and page limits within proposalCENTRAL. Character limits include spaces.

To begin the LOI Process, please create an account or login at <https://proposalcentral.altum.com>. Once you create an account, you can save and come back to your application at any time.

Contact Information

Need Technical Assistance? Get help quickly from proposalCENTRAL Customer Support by email or by phone!

E-mail: pcsupport@altum.com

Phone: 800 875 2562 (Toll-free U.S. and Canada) or +1 703 964 5840 (Direct Dial International)

Normal Business Hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm Eastern Time

For questions about the Pablove grant process, please email grants@pablove.org. No phone calls please.

LOIs must be submitted by October 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (US).

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Projected Timeline

August 15, 2017-LOI Application Open

October 19, 2017 – LOI Deadline

January 2018 – LOI Applicants notified of status; Full Application Process Open to Invited PIs

March 15, 2018 - Full Application Deadline

July 2018 - Grantee Award Notification

August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019 - Award Dates

September 2018 - Pablove Foundation Award Announcement (General Press Release)