

2025

Aiming For A Cure Foundation Research Grant Opportunity

Funding to support research geared towards helping
pediatric oncology patients

Letters of Intent due: Noon, Friday, June 6, 2025

Full Proposals (by invitation only) due: Noon, Monday, July 28, 2025

Maximum award limit is \$80,000

Objective. The Aiming For A Cure (AFAC) Foundation supports pediatric oncology patients and their families through the funding of research and patient care. The Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center (HCCC), in collaboration with the AFAC, is accepting applications for up to \$80,000 for research projects that address this mission. Any faculty or staff member at the University of Iowa is eligible to apply. The project will be selected by a peer-review process of all applications submitted.

The principal investigator must have a full-time affiliation with The University of Iowa and will conduct the research project on the UI campus. Non-faculty investigators must have a letter of support from a UI faculty sponsor. Funds will not be transferred to another university.

Letters of Intent. To assure proposed projects fit within the intent of the funding opportunity, and to receive constructive feedback, the HCCC requires letters of intent that include the following information

- 1) **Title page** with your name, degrees, title, department, address [including e-mail address] and telephone number.
- 2) **Summary** page not to exceed ½ of the page length to include project title, specific aims, methods, anticipated outcomes and a statement of relevancy to pediatric cancer.
- 3) **NIH Biosketch of PI**

These should be sent as a single PDF document to Tami Thompson, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center tami-thompson@uiowa.edu by **Noon on Friday, June 6, 2025**

Full Proposal (by invitation only- applicants will be notified in June): **due Noon on Monday, July 28, 2025**

The Full Proposal should be single spaced, one-sided, with a minimum of 5/8" margins using a standard black 12 point font. Please email the Full Proposal that includes the following information as a single PDF file to Tami Thompson, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center tami-thompson@uiowa.edu

The full proposal application should contain:

- 1) **Title page** with your name, degree(s), full faculty title, department, campus address, e-mail address, and telephone number.
- 2) **Summary** page not to exceed ½ of the page length to include project title, specific aims, methods, anticipated outcomes and a statement of relevancy to pediatric cancer.

- 3) **Research Proposal.** The narrative portion is set at a maximum of 4 pages, single spaced and a minimum font of 12-pitch. The proposal should include the following:
 - a. specific aims (no more than two paragraphs)
 - b. background; inclusion of preliminary data is encouraged
 - c. proposed research plans for obtaining additional funding should the project be successful.
- 4) **Cited references** not to exceed 1 page.
- 5) **NIH biographical sketch** of the principal investigator and all co-investigators and consultants on the project.
- 6) **Budget** not to exceed 1 page with justification outlining expenditures for the project. The budget may include costs for technical assistance, effort for each investigator, supplies, and other expenses. Up to 10% of the budget can be used for faculty salary. The purchase of equipment is discouraged, as are funds for travel.
- 7) **Optional** – Up to 3 letters of support from collaborators or consultants (maximum length 1 page each).
- 8) **Supplementary Material.** No supplementary material will be accepted unless specifically requested.

Deviations over the page limit will be automatically rejected.

LOI Submission	Submit to Tami Thompson, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, as a single PDF document, to tami-thompson@uiowa.edu by Noon on Friday, June 6, 2025
Full Proposal Submission (<i>upon request</i>)	By invitation only. Submit to Tami Thompson, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, as a single PDF, to tami-thompson@uiowa.edu by Noon on Monday, July 28, 2025 . The application is not required to be routed through the Division of Sponsored Programs Office.
Notification Date	Notification of award will be made at the end of August. Upon selection of the awardee, the proposal will be routed through the Division of Sponsored Programs office.
Institutional Committees	All projects must comply in full with NIH policies concerning research on human subjects and/or animals. Documentation of protocol approval by the appropriate institutional committees will be required. Copies of all assurances and certifications must be provided before funds can be allocated.
Award Activation	The investigator will be notified of their MFK# account number once the required institutional approval(s) have been submitted to Cancer Cetner Administration. Investigators will have a maximum of 2 years to expend all funds.

Progress Reports

Recipients are required to submit written progress reports on an annual basis. Reports should include specific accomplishments, publications, presentations, and future plans. Any work using these funds that is published should cite the funding source as the Aiming For A Cure Foundation.

About Aiming For A Cure Foundation (www.aimingforacure.com)

Mission of the Aiming for Cure Foundation is to raise funds to benefit pediatric oncology, patients and families dealing with difficult times, and decisions in our local communities. Our goal is to improve the quality of care and quality of lives of these children and the families through the funding of research Non-insured expenses and patient care.

Aiming For A Cure Foundation is a 501c(3) Non-Profit Organization