

**Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation
2015 Innovation Grant
Letters of Intent
Due November 3, 2014 (11:59 PM ET)**

ALSF's mission is to find cures and better treatments for childhood cancers through hypothesis-driven research.

Innovation Grant Description

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) is committed to creating opportunities for new and innovative research into treatments and cures for childhood cancers. Innovation grants are designed as seed funding for researchers with a novel approach to pediatric oncology scientific investigation. This may represent a change in research direction and/or an innovative new idea that moves away from an investigator's prior research but has potential impact for childhood cancers. Innovation Grants will support research proposals to be carried out by investigators who are already established, have a track record of peer-reviewed publications and evidence of successfully competing for extramural funding. The grant is for two years up to \$125,000 per year. A one year no cost extension is encouraged.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must have a faculty appointment at an academic institution.
- Applicant may be M.D., D.O., Ph.D, or M.D./Ph.D.
- Track record of publication and funding productivity in the last 5 years must demonstrate that the project can be accomplished by the investigator(s).

Evaluation Criteria

- *Innovation must be clearly presented.*
- *Potential for major scientific impact in pediatric oncology is critical.*
- *While preliminary data are not required, the applicant must demonstrate feasibility of the research plan.*

Restrictions

- Grants must be focused on pediatric translational oncology, from understanding basic biologic underpinnings to new therapies.
- One resubmission of a previously ALSF reviewed application is permitted.
- ALSF will only consider letters of intent from U.S. or Canadian institutions. However the PI need not be a U.S. citizen.
- Institutions must have non-profit tax status.

Letter of Intent Guidelines

Sections I – IV may not exceed one page. *Only Section V* – Literature citations, may use additional pages. Please create two PDF documents 1) Sections I – V and 2) Biosketch.

Please place include your name and institution on each page.

- I. Abstract (250 words)
Rationale, Hypothesis, Specific Aims, Design
- II. Impact Statement (2 sentences)
State how this project will impact childhood cancer patients.
- III. Innovation Statement (2 sentences)
State how this project is a novel approach to childhood cancer research.
- IV. Resubmissions (100 words)
Has this project been submitted to ALSF before and not been funded? If yes, please describe what has changed (data, design, aims etc.). If not, skip this section.
- V. Literature Citations (please use Vancouver style, in text numeric reference)
- VI. Biosketch: Please Use the NIH (PHS 398) four page biographical sketch format for the Primary Investigator and Co-PI if applicable.

LOI Submission

1. Go to ALSFgrants.org and click the “Information for grant applicants” button.
2. Under “Resources for Applicants”, “**Get Started/Start a New Application**” click the drop down arrow and select the Innovation LOI link.
 - Returning users- login with your email address and password;
 - New users- click New Applicant link to set up an account with email address and password.
3. **Complete** the online form with contact and project information
 - Upload Letter of Intent and Biosketch PDFs (maximum of 10 MB)
 - Review & Submit or Save your LOI and return at a later time to continue working.
4. **To continue** your saved LOI, go to ALSFgrants.org and click the “Information for grant applicants” button
 - Under “**Get Started/Continue a saved application or manage applications**”, click the orange LOGIN button.
 - Click the name link on the “In Progress” list
 - Complete the form and upload the PDF
 - Review & Submit will send the LOI to ALSF
5. After your LOI has been successfully submitted an *email confirmation will be sent to your user account login email address*. You will not be able to amend the application.

Important Dates

All Innovation letters of intent must be received by November 3, 2014 - 11:59 PM ET.

LOI Due Date	November 3, 2014 (11:59 PM EASTERN TIME)
Notification	Early January 2015
Full Application Due Date	March 2, 2015
Notification	May 2015
Project Start	July 1, 2015

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