



**2027 St. Baldrick's Foundation Grant Application
Information and Guidelines for
Scholar (Career Development) Awards**

Letter of Intent (LOI) Due: **December 8, 2026 5PM ET**

LOI decisions announced by December 15, 2026

Invited Proposal Due: **March 5, 2027, 5PM ET**

Award decisions announced by June 26, 2027

Award period begins: July 1, 2027

**ABOUT THE ST. BALDRICK'S CHILDHOOD CANCER
RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer and donor powered charity committed to supporting the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.

It started with a friendly dare: would you shave your head to raise money for kids' cancer research? What happened next would change the world. This bold act of baldness has gained major momentum, since its start in 2000. Today, we have more than 1,000 head-shaving events taking place around the world at pubs, restaurants, schools, churches, parks, firehouses, military bases – you name it. It is our constituents' way of changing the world, in a meaningful way. Volunteers also raise funds through athletic challenges, livestream fundraisers and many other activities.

Since the Foundation's first grants as an independent charity in 2005, St. Baldrick's has invested more than \$380 million in childhood cancer research grants worldwide. It's

about collaboration. It's about powerful ideas, big and small. It's about never giving up until we have cures for all kids with cancers.

For more information, please visit StBaldricks.org. You can also search current and past grants at StBaldricks.org/grants.

FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

The St. Baldrick's Foundation works hard to be sure that every dollar makes the biggest impact possible in childhood cancer research. The Foundation is proud to have received the National Cancer Institute Peer Review Funder designation for selection of grants. The Foundation has held several Research Priorities Summits with many of the country's leading pediatric oncology researchers participating to advise the staff and board of directors on funding priorities.

The St. Baldrick's team and scientific advisors meet regularly to be sure St. Baldrick's funds make the greatest impact on pediatric cancer research.

Current funding priorities are divided into four categories:

- New discovery research
- Translational research and early phase clinical trials
- Phase III clinical trials & infrastructure support of participating institutions (primarily the fall grant cycle)
- Education of new pediatric oncology researchers

In addition to research to understand the biology of childhood cancers and discover leads to more effective treatments, topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Adolescents & young adults
- Survivorship, outcomes, and quality of life
- Supportive care
- Epidemiology and pediatric cancer predispositions
- Precision medicine
- Alternative & complementary therapies

FUNDING CYCLES

Spring Grant Cycle

Spring cycle grants are funded based on scientific review. The following programs/categories are available in the Spring Cycle:

- St. Baldrick's Scholars
- St. Baldrick's International Scholars
- Research Grants
- Survivorship & Supportive Care Research Grants

- St. Baldrick's Summer Fellows (*no LOI, applications due February*)

Fall Grant Cycle

Fellows are funded based on scientific review. Infrastructure grants are funded based on need, expected outcomes, and local St. Baldrick's participation, with a strong priority on geographic areas with no other St. Baldrick's funding. The following programs/categories are available in the Fall Cycle:

- Infrastructure Grants
- St. Baldrick's Fellows

Grants will be made according to revenues available.

Scholar (Career Development) Award: Eligibility Requirements/Qualifications

The Scholar (Career Development) Award is meant to help develop the independent research of highly qualified individuals still early in their careers. Recipients are called St. Baldrick's Scholars. Grants will be up to \$110,000/year, for three years.

- Scholar awards intend to provide funding to support young pediatric cancer researchers who must compete for funding with more established researchers; these grants are a way to make sure promising early-career scientists are able to continue doing research.
- Scholar Awards are one of many funding categories offered by the St. Baldrick's Foundation; it is possible for a program/institution to receive funding in more than one category.
- Each institution may submit one (1) LOI/application in each open St. Baldrick's funding category.

2027 St. Baldrick's Spring Cycle LOI/application submissions allowed by program/category per institution					
Program/category	Research Grant	Scholar (CDA)	International Scholar	Survivorship & Supportive Care Research Grant	Funding interest submission *
Submissions allowed	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Total submissions allowed per institution: Up to five (5) LOIs, consisting of one submission in each program category, plus one additional submission under the funding interest submission, if eligible</i>					
*See details below for the qualifying areas of interest. Institutions may submit only one funding interest specific LOI total, in one eligible program category of their choice.					

- **ATTENTION: Funding Interest and Limited Submission:** St. Baldrick's Foundation has identified the areas below as funding interests and has donors interested in supporting meritorious projects in these areas. To encourage submissions in these priority areas, institutions may submit one additional LOI beyond the standard limited submissions. Only one additional submission is permitted per institution for the entire cycle; this does not allow one additional submission in each program or funding category.
 - Rhabdomyosarcoma

- Brain tumors –especially atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumor (AT/RT), diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG)/diffuse midline glioma (DMG), and glioblastoma (GBM)
 - Burkitt lymphoma – all types, especially sporadic
 - Rhabdoid tumors - Extrarenal
- Applications submitted in the above funding interest areas will be considered in a separate study section.
- During each grant cycle, an applicant can only apply once as the lead Principal Investigator. This restriction applies also to the above described limited submissions policy exception.
- Institutions must be located in the United States.
- Applicants need not be American citizens; however, they must work at an academic, medical, or research institution within the United States.
- Applicants from the NCI/NIH are not eligible to apply for St. Baldrick's Scholar Awards.
- A program/institution is defined as an entity essentially operating under one Office of Sponsored Research (or equivalent sponsored research office).
 - Any questions or questionable situations will be reviewed by a subset of the Scientific Advisory Board of St. Baldrick's. Questions can be emailed to Grants@Stbaldricks.org, please include a copy of the potential Scholar's biosketch.
- Institutions that are actively involved in (sponsor, promote, or participate in) non-St. Baldrick's head-shaving fundraising events are not eligible to apply for St. Baldrick's funding.
 - St. Baldrick's understands that hospitals and their fundraising agents and organizations cannot control what their many *volunteers* do. Some may undertake head-shaving fundraisers that hospital/agent/organization is not aware of and does not sanction or promote. These activities would not prevent the hospital's researchers from applying for St. Baldrick's grants.
 - The following applies to hospitals, their fundraising agents and organizations as *institutions*. Researchers from hospitals would be ineligible to apply for St. Baldrick's grants if the hospital/agent/organization promotes (advertises, emails, blogs, media stories, social media posts, shares, reshares, likes, tweets, re-tweets or hosts web pages) a non-St. Baldrick's head-shaving fundraiser through any type of marketing, advertising, outreach or public-facing collateral or ancillary materials, or on any channel (television, radio, print, social media, website, etc.), using any content that sponsors, highlights, advocates or recommends a head-shaving event other than St. Baldrick's.
- St. Baldrick's funds may not be used for human embryonic stem cell research.
- All qualified applicants will receive consideration for funding without regard to race, color, ethnicity/national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or

expression, pregnancy, religion, belief and spirituality, age disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

- Applicants should hold a Ph.D., M.D., or D.O. degree in a field of research specialty by the date the award becomes effective.
- Applicants must be employed by an academic or non-profit research institution or laboratory based in the United States.
- Applicants must currently hold (for no longer than 7 years at the time the award begins), or will hold by start of the award, a title that is considered by the institution to be a full-time, faculty position.
 - Faculty position should not depend upon the awarding of this Scholar grant.
 - Situations may occur where the institutions definition of “faculty” may differ from the Foundation’s definition, this should be fully explained in the Scholar Applicant Checklist (required at LOI stage).
 - This is an early-career award. The Scholar award is intended to develop the independent pediatric cancer research careers of highly qualified investigators, not to support well established or senior investigators.
- Applicants must have an appropriate Sponsor who provides supervision, facilities, and research support. If appropriate for the project, applicants may have more than one (1) Sponsor.
- Research projects must have direct applicability and relevance to pediatric cancer. They may be in any discipline of basic, clinical, translational, or epidemiological research.
- This award is granted for three years with an opportunity to apply for an additional two years of funding based upon the demonstration of significant accomplishment. (Years 4–5, if funded, will be up to \$115,000/year).

OTHER SUPPORT

- Scholars may receive funding from other sources to support their research. However, no other comparable or higher (monetary value) career development award may be held prior to or at the time the award begins. Scientific or budgetary overlap with other funded projects is not allowed. Higher monetary value would include career development awards over \$110,000.00 a year for three years.
 - In the event of comparable or higher (monetary value) career development funding after the LOI has been approved, the Scholar must give up the remainder of their St. Baldrick's award, unless otherwise approved by the St. Baldrick's Foundation.
- Applicants holding or awarded RO1s or equivalent funding prior to or at the time of the LOI are not eligible to apply.
- Please reference the RO1 Equivalency List at the end of the guidelines.

- Applicants holding or awarded a NIH K-award prior to or at the time of the LOI are not eligible to apply. (Institutional K awards are allowed, see below)
- If an applicant holds an institutional K award and a St. Baldrick's Scholar grant is awarded, one award would need to be forfeited. Both cannot be held at the same time.
- If an applicant holds an institutional K award and a St. Baldrick's Scholar award is accepted, the combined length of support between both awards cannot exceed five (5) years.
- See "Conditions of Award" below regarding other awards received after the LOI is approved.

PAYMENT STRUCTURE

- All awards will be payable to the lead academic institution, non-profit research institution, or laboratory to administer for the purposes of this grant only.
- Sub awards are allowable on St. Baldrick's Foundation Research Grants and International Scholar awards. Sub awards are not allowed on Scholar awards, Fellowship awards or Summer Fellow awards.
- St. Baldrick's will issue annual payments to the lead institution. The lead institution will be responsible for coordinating any sub-awards.
- If a sub-award institution is legally unable to receive payment from the lead institution, St. Baldrick's may consider direct payment on a case-by-case basis. Any such circumstances must be disclosed in the Assurance Questions section of the application in ProposalCentral.
- St. Baldrick's will not make direct payments to for-profit entities or individuals.

Scholar (Career Development) Award: Conditions of Award

- Funding for years 1–3 will be up to \$110,000 per year (up to \$115,000 per year for years 4–5), to be used entirely for the Scholar's salary and fringe at the applicant institution.
- Other personnel and/or non personnel costs are not allowed on Scholar awards. Scholar awards are to be used entirely for the Scholar's salary and fringe at the applicant institution.
- The Scholar must devote no less than 40% effort to the funded project.
- Adjustments to the budget and percent of Scholar's time required may be possible, upon Foundation approval, if other awards are received after the award start date. Re-budget requests must be submitted to the foundation in writing within ninety (90) days of notification of the new award.

- In the event of either overlapping funding, or RO1 or equivalent funding, or K award funding, independent of the St. Baldrick's Scholar award, after the LOI has been approved, the Scholar award will be reduced to \$50,000, which can be budgeted for supplies or technical assistance. A budget justification should include detail regarding the use of such funds. In the event of either overlapping funding, or RO1 or equivalent funding, or K award funding after the award check has been issued to the institution, the Scholar will be able to convert up to \$50,000 for supplies or technical assistance. The remaining portion of the award shall be returned to the Foundation.
 - In the event the above happens in year 1–3 of the St. Baldrick's Scholar award, the Scholar is not eligible to apply for the two additional years of funding.
 - In the event the above happens during the additional funding period(s), the Scholar is not eligible to apply for any remaining additional year(s).
- Fringe benefits are generally defined as medical and dental insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits and are payable only for eligible participation in such programs. See Budget Guidance section for more details.
- Expenditures for laboratory costs/equipment and travel are not considered fringe benefits. See Budget Guidance section for more details.
- No institutional overhead or indirect funding is provided under the terms of the grant. See Budget Guidance section for more details.
- If awarded, in January of the Scholars' 3rd year of funding, the St. Baldrick's Foundation Grants Administration staff will reach out to grantees with instructions on applying for 1–2 years of extended funding. Applications will be submitted via ProposalCentral and reviewed for progress. Extended years are granted 1 year at a time, if the scholar remains eligible for a subsequent year they will apply again in the following year. Grantees can email Grants@StBaldricks.org for further questions about extended funding.

Scholar (Career Development) Award: LOI/Application Requirements

- LOI, application, and required documents must be submitted by the Principal Investigator, in English, online through ProposalCentral (proposalcentral.com) before 5 p.m. ET on the deadline.

LOI INSTRUCTIONS

- Category and cycle specific LOI instructions/requirements are available in ProposalCentral upon starting the LOI and on the St. Baldrick's website (stbaldricks.org/for-researchers).
- Scholar LOI Instructions:
https://www.stbaldricks.org/file/Research/LOI%20Instructions_Scholar.pdf

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND DESCRIPTION

- All application instructions and templates/requirements will be available in ProposalCentral upon approval of an LOI.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure and to verify that the application is received by the deadline date and that the application is complete and correct prior to submission.
- E-signatures are required from the PI and an Institutional Official to submit the Application.
- Required Application Sections (please see full requirements in ProposalCentral)
 - General Information
 - Title, Applicant Information, Organization, Abstracts and Keywords
 - Applicant Eligibility
 - Biosketch – Candidate/Applicant
 - Biosketch - Sponsor
 - Budget
 - Environment and Resources
 - Letter of Reference (blind). At least two letters of support are required:
 - The Sponsor. (If you have 2 Sponsors, you may submit up to 2 letters of support here.)
 - The Department Chairman or Division Chief. If the sponsor is also the Department Chairman or Division Chief, please use best judgement as to who should complete this required letter.
 - Other Support
 - Research Plan and Candidate
 - Resource Sharing Plan
 - Resource sharing is an expected outcome of all St. Baldrick's Foundation (SBF) supported grants. Grantees are expected to encourage and facilitate resource sharing. Sharing research outputs increases access to scientific information, promotes collaboration, accelerates discovery, and improves the reproducibility of research.

The goal of the SBF Resource Sharing Statement is to enable the faster translation of research discoveries into cures for children with cancer. This is achieved through a policy that encourages article sharing, data sharing, early sharing, and methods sharing. Research outputs may include (but are not limited to); peer reviewed publications and preprints, datasets, code, software, protocols, research materials, inventions, patents, and commercial activity. We expect grantees to use recognized, openly accessible public repositories where available. This statement is effective for awards starting July 1, 2023, and beyond. Applicants will be asked about data sharing plans as part of the application. Data sharing plans are reviewed but not scored.

- Applicants can enable other users to access their proposal (e.g., department or grants administrators) in the full proposal section of ProposalCentral.
- All application evaluations are considered confidential and are available to scientific reviewers, the Foundation's Board of Directors, and the administrative personnel of the St. Baldrick's Foundation only. Reviewer comments will be made available to applicants after funding decisions are made.
- *Resubmissions*: Applicants with resubmissions have the option to check a box in ProposalCentral on the title page of the application stating that it is a resubmission. Resubmissions are not marked in the Letter of Intent stage. Applicants may mention it is a resubmission in the LOI. Applicants with a resubmission are asked to address the reviewer comments in the appendix. Be sure that the document addressing previous reviewer comments is listed in the table of contents for your appendix. Resubmission applicants will not have all three of the same reviewers. St. Baldrick's does ask at least one of the previous reviewers to re-review the resubmission. Once marked as a resubmission in ProposalCentral, new reviewers will have access to the past reviewer comments. Resubmissions are still required to go through limited submission decisions per the institution.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Each application is scientifically reviewed by qualified pediatric oncology research experts. Recommendations for funding are made to the St. Baldrick's Foundation Board of Directors, which makes the final decisions. The total funds granted are determined based on the funds available and the scientific quality of the applications.

Applicants selected for funding will be notified as soon as possible. Funding status shall be relayed through ProposalCentral, by email or by phone. All rankings and evaluations are considered confidential. Applicants will receive access to the written critiques.

Applications are evaluated using the NIH 1-9 scale on the following individual criteria:

- Significance: how the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions that drive this field will be changed if the proposed aims are achieved
- Candidate: The applicant's career goals, background, and preparation to undertake the proposed project.
- Sponsor/Mentor: The qualifications of the sponsor/mentor including experience as a research supervisor, and ability to guide the applicant, etc.
- Research Plan: the quality and scientific rigor along with importance of the proposed research.
- Innovation: how the application challenges or seeks to shift current research or clinical practice paradigm.
- Environment and Resources: The institutional resources and facilities available for the proposed research.

The following criteria is reviewed, but not scored:

- Resource sharing plan
- Budget

Any questions following the notification of awards should be addressed in writing to:

Laura Chung
Director of Grants Administration
Laura@StBaldricks.org
626.792.8247, ext. 236

Scholar (Career Development) Award: Grant Terms

- When an application is approved for funding the transfer of funds is contingent upon all legal documents being signed and approved by the St. Baldrick's Foundation.
- No Cost Extensions must be requested and approved by email: Grants@StBaldricks.org. Templates can be found in ProposalCentral under the deliverables. Requests should include the amount of funds remaining, a brief report of progress, an explanation of why the extension is necessary, and the length of time requested.
- No Cost Extensions can be requested for 6 months or 1 year at a time.
- If a grant reaches an extended end date of 3 years beyond the original end date, no further No Cost Extensions will be considered, and remaining amounts of \$100 and over must be returned to the Foundation.
- For multi-year awards, the Principal Investigator may request that funds be moved from a previous or current period into a future period. Carry-forward requests should be submitted in writing (email: Grants@StBaldricks.org) with an explanation for the unexpended balance, a plan for the use of funds, and a side-by-side comparison between the original budget and future budget categorical items. Funds cannot be carried forward between two different award IDs. Template for Carry Forwards can be found in ProposalCentral under the deliverables.
- Re-budget requests should be submitted in writing (email: Grants@StBaldricks.org) with an explanation of each change and a side-by-side comparison between the original budget and revised budget categorical items. Rebudgeting that results in expansion of scope will be reviewed by St. Baldrick's scientific advisors for approval.
- Some grants will be "named" for significant St. Baldrick's constituents (Hero Funds, major donors, high-ranking fundraising teams, corporate or foundation partners, etc.). Recipients of named grants must use the title designated by the Foundation whenever referring to the grant (example: The ABC Company St. Baldrick's Scholar or the Team Courtney St. Baldrick's Fellow). These grant recipients may also be asked to meet or communicate with these constituents.
- The institution's public relations staff will ensure all requirements detailed in the Publicity Form are understood and met. This form will be provided with the award acceptance paperwork. PR questions can be addressed to: media@stbaldricks.org.
- Grant recipients will work with the Foundation to coordinate a joint press release to announce the grant and will give recognition to the St. Baldrick's Foundation where funders are listed on the institution's website and in its annual report.
- Grant recipients will become familiar with the St. Baldrick's Foundation and be prepared to speak publicly about its work, when appropriate. The Foundation encourages participation by grant recipients in St. Baldrick's events held in the

geographic vicinity of their institution. Shaving one's head is not required; there are many ways to participate, including speaking at the event, helping to connect patients or survivors and their families to the Foundation to be honored, and participating in your favorite activity to raise funds for pediatric cancer research (i.e. running, walking, climbing a mountain, hosting another event, etc.).

- Grantees are expected to maintain accurate grant and research records, cooperate with any St. Baldrick's review and promptly report research misconduct or significant changes in the funded researcher's status. Failure to meet these requirements may result in suspension or termination of funding.
- If awarded, funds will be released upon receipt and sufficiency of all paperwork by the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Any inconsistency noted relative to the award shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: The signed award acceptance form; and, The St. Baldrick's Foundation Grant Application Information and Guidelines.
- Infrastructure grants and Summer Fellow grants are influenced by local St. Baldrick's participation. All other grants are funded based on scientific review.

IDENTIFICATION

The title "St. Baldrick's Foundation Scholar" as applicable shall be used in all printed and/or electronic publications during the period of the award. (For named grants, the designated title must be used instead.) Identification with the Foundation shall also be made in any news released about the Scholar or the Scholar's research project by the public relations department or its equivalent at the sponsoring institution.

TRANSFER

Requests for transfers by a Scholar to another institution while the award is in effect will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require justification of an urgent need for the transfer as well as written approvals. Continuation of funding at the new institution is contingent on prior written approval from the Foundation after its review of the written request. The Scholar must submit a request for transfer and appropriate documentation of justification accompanied by a letter of support from both the current and future sponsor and a letter of support from the new institution at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of transfer. Notification of approval or denial of the transfer shall be in writing.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If the Scholar's funding period is interrupted for any reason, written permission must be obtained from the Foundation if the Scholar's term is to be continued at a later date. Leaves of absence are limited to not more than one year. In the event a Scholar's term is not completed due to incapacitating illness or death, the prorated, unexpended funds must be returned to the Foundation. Requests for a leave of absence from the

Foundation should be submitted in writing thirty (30) days before the date of commencement for the leave of absence.

REINSTATEMENT OF AWARD

Funds will not be reinstated after the Foundation has received notification in writing from the Scholar of the intent to terminate research. Those wishing to resume funding are welcome to submit a new application, which will compete on an equal basis with all others during the subsequent funding cycle.

PROGRESS REPORTS

The Scholar must submit reports of their annual research progress online via ProposalCentral by the dates specified in ProposalCentral, using the webform. In addition to the scientific report, this includes a lay report written for the general public. The progress report shall be accompanied by an evaluation report from the Sponsor directly responsible for the Scholar's work. A brief Interim Update verifying receipt of funds and usage is due after the first three (3) months of each grant year. The Interim Update must be completed directly in the webform available on ProposalCentral. Progress reports that are more than thirty (30) days late will impact the Primary Investigator's consideration and release of future awards. These reports shall be reviewed by the Foundation to evaluate the research progress of each Scholar. The Foundation reserves the right to terminate any award if it determines that there has been inadequate research progress or a failure to adhere to the original proposal submitted with the application.

PUBLICATIONS

Please notify the St. Baldrick's Foundation (email: Grants@StBaldricks.org) as soon as you know of a publication's acceptance, to allow time for preparation for any publicity, blog stories, etc., to be coordinated between St. Baldrick's and your institution. Grant recipients are required to complete the annual publication webform in ProposalCentral, listing all publications resulting from the grant during the reporting period. *FINAL*

FINAL REPORTS

Within thirty (30) days of the Scholar Award's end, the Principal Investigator shall submit a scientific and a lay report of results. The final report should cover the entire grant period. Again, a report of the research project must be included for the lay public. The final report should be accompanied by an evaluation report from the Sponsor providing supervision for the Scholar's work. Receipt by the Foundation of a satisfactory final research report and a satisfactory final expenditure report will determine the Scholar's ability to apply for future awards. Reports are submitted online via ProposalCentral, using a webform. The Foundation will continue to stay in touch with each Scholar to determine how Foundation funding has influenced their career and how it has contributed to finding a cure and/or better treatments for childhood cancer.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS

The Scholar must annually submit a report of expenditures, due within sixty (60) days of the end of each grant year. All expenditures are expected to follow the approved budget. Expenditure reports should separate the costs for each year and not be cumulative. (For a three-year award, the report for year three should only cover expenses in that year.) The expenditure reports must be submitted as a budget webform via ProposalCentral. Instructions on how to complete and submit the budget deliverables can be found on page 11 here:

https://docs.proposalcentral.com/Instructions_Award_Info.pdf

HUMAN INVESTIGATION

All human subject research or research on human tissue which is supported by St. Baldrick's must comply with the regulations applicable to that supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). As part of the application, the applicant will be asked to submit documentation of approval of the study by their Institutional Review Board (IRB), along with the Institution's Human Subjects Assurance Number. Approval is not required at the application stage but will be required prior to issuing funds. If the grant recipient's research plan changes after the award to include human subjects or tissue, they must submit proper documentation of IRB approval to St. Baldrick's.

BIOHAZARDS

The Scholar Award applicant and institution shall submit an acknowledgment during the application process that potential biohazards are involved and provide an institutional statement of assurances regarding such potential biohazards and safeguards pertaining to this aspect of the research proposed in the Application to the Foundation. Projects which do not involve biohazards must so state. The Foundation assumes no responsibility or liability for any such biohazard and shall be held harmless from the results of the use of any such biohazard.

LABORATORY ANIMALS

The Foundation adheres to the most current guidelines applicable to the care and treatment of animals used in laboratory work as outlined by the National Institutes of Health. During the application process, the applicant must submit a statement that the sponsoring institution meets and adheres to these policies. Failure to notify the Foundation of compliance with these guidelines or the improper use of laboratory animals may result in termination of the award.

BUDGET GUIDANCE

- Scholar (Career Development) Awards are limited to salary and fringe benefits for the applicant.
- All budgets must be justified, meet the test of reasonableness, and be consistent with institutional policy.

- No institutional overhead or indirect funding is provided under the terms of the grant.
- Fringe rates should follow institutional policy.
- Fringe benefits are generally defined as medical and dental insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits and are payable only for eligible participation in such programs.
- Overlap in funding is not permitted. See “Conditions of Award” if overlap occurs. St. Baldrick's policy on overlap applies to Scientific, Budget, and Commitment Overlap as defined by the NIH.
 - Scientific Overlap: Scientific overlap occurs when substantially the same research is proposed in more than one application or is submitted to two or more different funding sources for review and funding consideration; or when a specific research objective and the experimental design for accomplishing that objective are the same or closely related in two or more pending applications or awards, regardless of funding source.
 - Budget Overlap: Budgetary overlap occurs when duplicate or equivalent budgetary items (i.e., equipment, salary) are requested in an application but are already funded by another source.
 - Commitment Overlap: Commitment overlap occurs when any project-supported personnel has time commitments (i.e., percent effort) exceeding 100%, regardless of how the effort/salary is being supported or funded.
- Situations may occur when an applicant has similar applications pending with different agencies that, if all funded, will present overlap issues. If an overlap occurs before award is accepted, it must be addressed with the St. Baldrick's Foundation before the new award can be accepted and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- If overlap occurs during an award, all grant recipients must be forthright regarding their support and notify the foundation within 30 days by emailing Grants@StBaldricks.org. Adjustments will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Travel costs are not allowable on Scholar (Career Development) Awards. Scholar (Career Development) Awards are limited to salary and fringe benefits.
- Publication and meeting-related poster printing costs are not allowable on Scholar (Career Development) Awards. Scholar (Career Development) Awards, which are limited to salary and fringe benefits.
- Equipment purchases are not allowable on Scholar (Career Development) Awards. Scholar (Career Development) Awards are limited to salary and fringe benefits.
- Unused and remaining amounts of \$100 and over must be returned to the Foundation at the end of each grant year, unless an approved carry forward or No Cost Extension is on file.
- All budgets and expenditure reports must be submitted in USD.

- Expenditure reports are expected to follow approved budgets. Any budget line item that changes more than 25% from approved budget to expenditure report (without an approved Carry Forward on file) will result in follow up from the Foundation for explanation. Explanations will be reviewed for approval.
- The Foundation does not provide funds for items such as:
 - Secretarial/administrative salaries.
 - Student tuition (tuition is allowable for International Scholar awards).
 - Office and laboratory furniture.
 - Office equipment and supplies.
 - Recruiting and relocation expenses.
 - Non-medical services to patients (travel to a clinical site or patient incentives are allowable expenses).
 - Construction, renovation, or maintenance of buildings/laboratories.
 - Professional association membership dues.
 - Scientific publication subscriptions.

SCHOLAR (CAREER DEVELOPMENT) AWARD APPLICATION AND AWARD TIMELINE

Letter of Intent due by: December 8, 2026

Application submission deadline: March 5, 2027

Award notification by: June 26, 2027

Award period begins: July 1, 2027

USING ProposalCentral

The St. Baldrick's Foundation uses ProposalCentral (proposalcentral.com) for electronic submission of all LOIs and Full Applications. Fax, email, or hard copy submissions will not be accepted. See "How to Create an Application using ProposalCentral" at <https://docs.proposalcentral.com/CreateApp.pdf> for more information.

Registration

First-time users must register and fill out a Professional Profile in ProposalCentral to begin the LOI/Application process (see "How to Register as a ProposalCentral User" at <https://docs.proposalcentral.com/RegUser.pdf> for more information).

Submitting the LOI/Application

1. **LOG-IN & BEGIN AN LOI/APPLICATION.** To start a new LOI/application, login as an Applicant, and select the Grant Opportunities tab (grey tab on the top right). Find St. Baldrick's Foundation in the drop-down list and select "Filter List by Grant Maker." Find the program for which you wish to apply, and click "Apply Now" to begin the proposal.
2. **COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AFTER LOI APPROVAL.** Login as an Applicant, and select the Proposals tab. Select the "In Progress" status from the "Proposal Status" drop-down menu. Find the LOI that was approved, and click the "Edit" button to access and complete your application.
3. **ENABLE ACCESS FOR OTHER USERS.** The Principal Investigator must start the LOI or Application. However, once an application is begun, access for application submittal can be given to other users, such as collaborators, assistants, or grants and contracts staff.
4. **SAVE.** Applicants do not need to complete the LOI/Application in one session; a partially completed application can be saved and completed at any time prior to the deadline.
5. **NOTIFICATION OF LOI APPROVAL.** The system will notify you when the LOI has been approved, and you will be asked to login to the ProposalCentral website to access and submit the full application by the application deadline.
6. **VALIDATE.** Applications that have not been validated cannot be submitted. "Validate" checks for required items and attachments, and you will not be able to submit if required items and/or attachments are missing.
7. **SUBMIT.** After successfully passing the validate check and providing the required E-signatures, click the "Submit" link. An email will confirm your submission. Once your application is submitted, you may view it by accessing the "Submitted" proposal status under the "Proposals" tab.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure and verify that the application is received by the deadline date, before 5 p.m. ET and that the application is complete and correct prior to submission.

Instructions for Submitting Deliverables

The ProposalCentral system is designed to collect and manage all grant information. Grantees must keep their ProposalCentral profile current for the duration of the grant. ProposalCentral should be used to upload all required reports (deliverables) and publications related to the grant. Report templates and deadlines can be found on the site, as well. Grantees may provide access to others at their institution (e.g. grants officers) to access and upload deliverables.

See "Instructions for Navigating Your Awarded Grant" at https://docs.proposalcentral.com/Instructions_Award_Info.pdf for more information.

Uploading Award Deliverables

1. Login to ProposalCentral under the "Applicant Login" section:
<https://proposalcentral.com/>.
2. Click the "Awards" tab.
3. Click the blue Identifier number link.
4. Click the blue "Deliverables" link.
5. On this page you will see a table which lists all of the deliverables that are scheduled for your grant. The templates for these deliverables are at the bottom of this page.
6. To upload completed deliverables, click the blue "Upload" link next to the appropriate deliverable. If you have a pop-up blocker turned on, make sure you disable it for this site as the deliverable upload feature is a pop-up.
7. In the deliverable pop-up window, click the "Browse" button to select the file. You can add a description in the "Deliverable Description" if you choose. When finished, click the "Save" button, and it will upload your deliverable.
 - When completing the Publications Webform, click the blue plus icon to enter information on publications related to your SBF award
 - If there are no publications to report, click the "No publications to report" checkbox.
 - When completing the Budget Webform, click the blue plus icon to be able to enter your expenses in the Expenditure column on the right
 - Please note, only contacts who have Administrative and/or Edit access to the award are able to electronically sign and submit this webform. If there are others who may need to sign and submit the budget, please let us know so we can grant them access to do so.
 - Instructions on using the budget webform can be found at the ProposalCentral link, starting at the bottom of Page 11:
https://docs.proposalcentral.com/Instructions_Award_Info.pdf

Useful Resources for ProposalCentral

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- How to register your institution (grants and contracts personnel only):
<https://docs.proposalcentral.com/RegInst.pdf>
- How to register as a ProposalCentral user:
<https://docs.proposalcentral.com/RegUser.pdf>
- How to create an application using ProposalCentral:
<https://docs.proposalcentral.com/CreateApp.pdf>
- Grantee instructions to access award information:
https://docs.proposalcentral.com/Instructions_Award_Info.pdf

Contact

For help using the online application system:
ProposalCentral Customer Support
pcsupport@altum.com
800.875.2562

St. Baldrick's Foundation R01 Equivalency List

This document defines awards that are considered comparable to an NIH R01 for the purposes of St. Baldrick's Foundation grants that do not permit R01 or R01-equivalent funding. Serving as PI or Co-PI on such funding would make an applicant ineligible.

Because funding mechanisms vary, this list is not comprehensive. If you hold an award not listed that you believe may be R01-equivalent (generally at least \$200,000 per year for four years), please contact grants@stbaldricks.org to confirm eligibility.

Equivalent Awards

- National Institute of Health (NIH)
 - Director's Pioneer Award (DP1)
 - Director's New Innovator Award (DP2)
 - Early Independence Award (DP5)
 - Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) Award (R37)
 - High Priority, Short Term Project Award (R56)
 - Multi Year Funded Research Project Grant (RF1)
 - Linked Research project Grant (RL1)
 - Research Project – Cooperative Agreements (U01)
 - Outstanding Investigator Award (R35)
 - Pathway to Independence Awards (K99/R00)
- Department of Defense (DoD)
 - Investigator-Initiated Research Award (IIRA)
 - Translational Research Award (TRA)
 - Research Project Grant Program (I80)
 - U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) Awards
- Foundations
 - Blood Cancer United Discovery Grant Program (DGP)
 - American Cancer Society Research Scholar Grant (RSG)
 - Alex's Lemonade Stand R Accelerated Grant
 - Alex's Lemonade Stand 'A' Award
 - St. Baldrick's Consortium Research Grant