

Aflac Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Young Investigator Award: Request for Proposals

Scope: The Children's Oncology Group (COG) Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Discipline Committee is seeking a request for research proposals from any relevant discipline that will advance basic, translational, or clinical science in Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Oncology (defined as cancer patients or survivors diagnosed at 15 to 39 years of age). The award is for \$50,000 per year for a maximum of 2 years. The second year of funding is contingent on submission of a satisfactory progress report submitted 10 months from the start of award funding. One award will be funded annually. It is expected that the successful candidate will present research results at a Fall COG meeting.

Research topics may include questions in: biology, clinical care, health care services, cancer control and supportive care, epidemiology, or the psychosocial arena. Proposals will be peer reviewed and judged on merit, feasibility, and utilization of COG resources. Successful candidates are expected to (1) describe a viable career development plan committed to cancer research involving adolescents and young adults, (2) show strong potential for future funding based on successful completion of the proposed project, and (3) have a strong senior mentor. If relevant to their proposal, applicants in pediatric oncology disciplines are strongly encouraged to have a mentor from adult oncology disciplines, and *vice versa* (cross-age group collaboration). Cross-age collaboration will be reviewed favorably. Collaboration among disciplines is also encouraged.

Dates:

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: **6/1/2015**

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: **9/1/2015**

FUNDING PERIOD: 24 months from start of funding, contingent on a satisfactory Interim Progress report

FINAL PROGRESS REPORT DUE: Within 3 months of the end of the funding period

Eligibility to apply:

This RFP is for Young Investigators with an M.D./D.O., Ph.D., or equivalent degree who are within the first three years of completing fellowship training. Candidates from pediatric oncology, medical oncology, nursing, psychology, neuropsychology, radiation oncology, and other fields relevant to AYA cancer-related research are encouraged to apply.

Required elements:

Abstract (½ page)

Research Plan: (maximum 4 pages)
Hypothesis

Rationale/Background
Specific Aims
Methods
Statistical Analysis
Expected results/possible pitfalls and solutions
Timeline and plan for further funding

Relevant references: limit to 30 (no page limit)

Pertinent tables and figures (no page limit)

Facilities and Resources (1 page) including how the environment will contribute to success

NIH Biosketch (maximum 4 pages)

Career Development Plan (½ page) including 3 year and 5 year career goals in AYA Oncology

Budget (\$50,000/year for two years) (1 page)

Indirects are allowed up to 10% of the total budget.

Acceptable budget items include investigator salary, supplies, reagents, technical support
\$1000 per year of the award is allowed for travel to a Fall COG meeting

Budget justification (1 page)

Letters of Support

One from the applicant's Division or Department head documenting institutional commitment to the applicant and proposed research.

One from the senior mentor for the applicant's proposal documenting the mentor's commitment to the investigator's career development and the proposed project.

If applicable, one from a mentor outlining the plan for meaningful collaboration crossing adult and pediatric disciplines

If the proposal requires review by the Institutional Review Board or the Animal Care committee of the Sponsoring Institution, a copy of approval will be required before the awarding of the funds (not required prior to the submission of the grant application.) Failure to do so by 12/1/2015 will result in cancellation of the funding.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AS SINGLE DOCUMENT PDF WITH THE COVER SHEET BELOW ELECTRONICALLY TO:

Darlene Campbell Dacampbell@chla.usc.edu

Attention: Aflac RFP Amanda Termuhlen MD (in the subject line)

For questions – please contact Amanda Termuhlen MD via

atermuhlen@chla.usc.edu or at 323.361.2225

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Name: _____

First

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Degree (s)

Institution: _____

Department: _____

Position/Title: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Country

Zip code

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Certification: I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true and the research proposed will take place at the sponsoring institution and comply with its standards.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____