



Legacy Researcher Funding Category: Sustaining Innovation and Progress

Purpose:

The Legacy Researcher Funding Category is dedicated to long-standing PCRF-funded researchers who have demonstrated consistent progress and impactful outcomes in pediatric cancer research. This funding category aims to support and sustain ongoing research initiatives, whether in **basic science** or **translational research**, ensuring that momentum is maintained on critical projects with proven potential for breakthroughs.

Funding Category: Legacy Researcher Grants

- **Funding Amount:** up to \$100,000 per year, up to 2 years for **translational research** and up to \$150,000 per year, renewable for up to 3 years, for **basic science research**, based on progress.
- **Eligibility:** Researchers must have received continuous PCRF funding for at least five years, with clear evidence of significant milestones and outcomes in pediatric cancer research.
- **Purpose:** To support research initiatives- whether in **basic science** or **translational research**, that are demonstrating tangible advancements and promise for future breakthroughs, sustaining momentum and accelerating progress towards improved treatments and potential cures.

Protocols for Legacy Researcher Funding

1. **Progress and Impact Assessment**
 - **Annual Review:** Legacy researchers must submit an annual progress report detailing major research milestones, recent discoveries, and the impact of their findings on the pediatric cancer field.
 - **Impact Metrics:** Each project will be evaluated based on measurable outcomes, such as advancements in treatment protocols, clinical trial progression, reductions in treatment toxicity, and other research metrics relevant to PCRF's strategic priorities.
 - **Expert Panel Review:** A specialized committee with expertise in pediatric cancer research will review each progress report, ensuring the project aligns with PCRF's goals and demonstrating continued relevance and impact.
2. **Sustainability and Future Impact Plan**
 - **Research Continuation Proposal:** Researchers must submit a continuation plan highlighting short- and long-term research goals, expected outcomes, and a timeline for key milestones.
 - **Funding Justification:** This proposal should justify the need for continued funding, focusing on how sustained investment will accelerate the project's trajectory and enhance its impact on pediatric cancer treatment or survivorship.
 - **Future Collaboration Opportunities:** Proposals should also outline opportunities for collaboration with other institutions, organizations, or technology partners, where applicable, to maximize research impact and explore co-funding avenues.



3. Annual Site Visit or Virtual Presentation

- **Site Visit/Virtual Presentation:** Each legacy researcher will participate in an annual site visit or virtual presentation with PCRF representatives, showcasing their lab's progress, providing updates on research findings, and sharing insights on upcoming objectives.
- **Direct Impact Assessment:** This presentation will allow PCRF representatives to assess the direct impact of the funded research on pediatric cancer advancements and to ensure alignment with the Foundation's priorities.

4. Ongoing Funding Criteria and Renewal Process

- **Progress Evaluation:** Continued funding is contingent on meeting outlined milestones and demonstrating meaningful progress towards goals. An annual review panel will assess each project's trajectory and decide on funding renewal based on the researcher's accomplishments and alignment with PCRF's strategic priorities.
- **Renewal Application:** Researchers seeking to renew funding beyond three years must submit a renewal application, which includes updated impact metrics, recent discoveries, and any adjustments to research goals or timelines based on ongoing progress.
- **Feedback Loop:** PCRF scientific panel will provide feedback to researchers, helping to optimize project focus and suggesting adjustments to maximize research impact where necessary.

5. Knowledge Dissemination and Collaboration

- **Research Publications:** Legacy researchers are encouraged to publish findings in peer-reviewed journals and to present at key pediatric cancer conferences, furthering the field's collective knowledge.
- **Community Engagement:** Researchers are also invited to participate in PCRF community events, such as board meetings, webinars or public forums, to share updates and demonstrate the tangible impact of PCRF's support on pediatric cancer research.

Goal of the Legacy Researcher Funding Category:

This category is designed to ensure that pioneering researchers can sustain their work, accelerate progress, and translate research discoveries into meaningful advances in pediatric cancer treatment and survivorship. By funding legacy researchers showing consistent success, PCRF commits to impactful, long-term investments that benefit children and families affected by cancer.