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2020 Brain Cancer Research Investigator Grant - \$50,000

This award is presented annually by B*CURED to a clinical doctor or research scientist whose primary focus is brain cancer research. Clinical projects are encouraged, as well as translational projects with significant clinical promise. Projects for adult and pediatric brain cancer research will be considered.

Important Dates:

Application Deadline: April 1, 2020
Medical Advisory Board Decision: May 31, 2020
Funding Available: by June 15, 2020

TERMS:

The term of the grant is **one year**. The award will be for \$50,000 and will be given in two installments. The first installment of \$25,000 will be paid to the winner no later than **July 15, 2019**. The second installment of \$25,000 will be paid 6 months later, once a satisfactory progress report (3 pages) is submitted to and reviewed by the B*CURED Medical Advisory Board. This progress report will be due exactly 6 months from the initial funding date. A final (3 page) summary report is required from the grant winner exactly one year from the date of funding.

The research project must be directly related to the field of brain cancer. The award will be given to the applicant exclusively for the purpose of conducting the proposed research. All proposed research must have appropriate Institutional Review Board approval for clinical projects before funding is granted. The winner's name, institution, title of the research project, and a brief description of the project in layman's terms will be posted on the B*CURED website.

Any publication associated with the research must recognize B*CURED as a sponsor.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be faculty at a research institution in North America who are:

- Undertaking clinical or translational research, with the intention of applying for R01 NIH funding or the equivalent within 5 years, or
- Undertaking innovative research to bridge from bench to animal research or to acquire preclinical data from animal models.

Applicants will compose an outstanding research proposal (5 pages maximum) that demonstrates relevance, sound methodological design, and feasibility.

Formal involvement of a biostatistician is required for all clinical trial proposals, but is not required for pre-clinical or translational science proposals.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Final applications must be emailed to research@bcured.org on or before April 1, 2020. Please adhere to the format as specified.

The Medical Advisory Board of B*CURED will review and evaluate the applications. Based on their results and subsequent review by the Grants Committee, recommendations will be made to the B*CURED Board of Directors for final approval. All applicants will be notified via e-mail of the decision regarding their proposals. Arrangements for contracts and payment to the grant recipient(s) will be made at that time.

All applications are confidential and are available only to the Board of Directors, the Grants Committee, and the Medical Advisory Board. If any grantee or sponsoring institution fails to adhere to the policies and qualifications listed above, the grant is subject to termination.

B*CURED GRANT APPLICATION:

Date _____

Project Title _____

Name of applicant _____ Degree/s _____

Professional Title _____ Date appointed _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Checks made payable to:

Institution _____

Authorized Institutional Grant Administration Representative

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT PROPOSALS:

- * **Project Title**
- * **Cover Letter** explaining the career goals of the applicant and how the B*CURED grant might assist in the overall research program of the applicant. A specific paragraph should outline how the institutional environment is suitable for the proposed research.
- * **Brief description** of your project in 250 words or less using **non-technical** language.
- * **Brief description** of your project in 250 words or less using **technical** language.
- * **NIH Bio-sketch** of applicant
- * Three **(3) letters of support** from project collaborators. Please include supporters' names, emails and phone contacts with your proposal.
- * Letter of **support from Department Head** or Chief stating that the applicant has the resources and the time to perform the proposed research. Please include name and email and phone contact for Department Head or Chief with your proposal.
- * **Detailed Budget (NIH Format)**. No indirect costs are permitted.
- * List of all other active and pending financial support pertaining to your clinical work or research during the funding term.
- * **Scientific Proposal (5 Pages)** organized as follows:
 - **Project Abstract (1/2 Page)** – Brief statement of the clinical problem including background and significance (burden of disease) detailing how the applicant's approach is both novel and feasible. A statement of how the study findings will advance brain tumor therapeutic research is required.
 - **Specific Aims (1/2 Page)** – A specific scientific hypothesis should be included with at least two specific aims.
 - **Preliminary Data (1 Page)** – The applicant is encouraged to use one or two key figures to illustrate major points (preferably from peer-reviewed published literature.)
 - **Research Plan (2 Pages)** – For clinical proposals, the proposed study design should carefully define the study population and state the number of proposed patients including the number of sites where applicable. The specific inclusion and exclusion criteria for any clinical population should be stated. Clinical endpoints and when they are measured should be stated. For translational science proposals, the study design should explicitly state how the study would connect a basic science finding to clinical or pre-clinical studies.
 - **Statistics (1/2 Page)** – The expected treatments (where applicable) should be stated and sample size estimates (80% and 90% power) should be clearly summarized.
 - **Study Limitations (1/2 Page)** – Study limitations and potential pitfalls should be discussed.
 - Applicants submitting a clinical trial proposal should consult an introductory reference on clinical trial design:
 - Friedman LM, Furberg CD, DeMets DL: *Fundamentals of Clinical Trials* – 3rd ed. New York, Springer-Verlag New York, Inc., 1998.
- * Bibliography
- * Biohazards statement
- * Human investigation statement
- * Laboratory animal statement

Please scan the **letters of recommendation** into the electronic version of your application.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

I hereby confirm that I have reviewed and approved this application and the accompanying budget. Please scan signatures into this application.

Authorized Institutional Grant Administration Representative

Printed Name and Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Email address _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Please submit all proposals in PDF form electronically to research@bcured.org.

Please contact research@bcured.org with any questions.

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