



SAM DAY
FOUNDATION

GRANT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Mission: The Sam Day Foundation (SDF) advances research for childhood and young adult cancers and facilitates wellness-centered support and experiences so kids with cancer can survive and live well.

About SDF

The Sam Day Foundation was founded in memory of Sam Day, who died from Ewing Sarcoma in 2016 at the age of 15. Sam fought his disease for six years. In that time, he endured multiple surgeries including two amputations, two out-of-state clinical trials, radiation treatments, and several high-dose chemotherapy regimens. During those difficult years, it became evident to Sam's parents that childhood sarcoma treatment is exceptionally hard on young people, and leaves them at risk for serious health issues later in life. While many adult cancers have experienced hopeful improvements in survival rates, childhood cancer research lags behind in much-needed advancements. SDF exists to partner with the childhood cancer community in order to advance research for some of the most neglected and devastating childhood cancers.

What we fund

The Sam Day Foundation is interested in innovative research projects with a high likelihood of generating more curative and less toxic therapies to children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer. SDF is focused on the most destructive and challenging cancers in the field of pediatric oncology, and looks to partner with researchers and clinicians who demonstrate a commitment to creating a better future for young people with cancer.

The following are SDF research funding priorities

- Pediatric, adolescent, and young adult **sarcoma and brain tumors**.
- Any phase of research from bench to bedside, including correlative studies.
- SDF is open to research studies focused on nutrition and childhood cancer. Studies that seek to improve long-term health outcomes, treatment tolerance, quality of life, and anti-cancer properties are of interest.
- Ultra-rare sarcoma and brain tumor research is encouraged and especially favorable in studies that are inclusive of more than one cancer.
- Clinical trial funding will be considered only for supported correlative biology.
- SDF does not fund projects outside of the United States.

Required Acknowledgments

The Sam Day Foundation must be acknowledged when presenting data from any SDF funded project including oral presentation, poster presentation, journal manuscripts and publications.

Grants will be awarded for up to \$150,000 over one or two years.

REVIEW PROCESS

A letter of Intent (LOI) must be submitted through Proposal Central, and approved by SDF to access the application.

Applications are submitted two times per year according to published deadlines:

February 15, 2024 – Letter of intent due

February 20, 2024 – Notifications of LOI approvals

March 31, 2024 – Applications due

May 10, 2024 – Award notifications

July 1, 2024 – Funding begins

- Applications which meet all proposal requirements will be reviewed by at least three members of the Sam Day Foundation Research Advisory Board.
- The Research Advisory Board will review and rate applications based on SDF research priorities and funding available.
- The Sam Day Foundation Board of Directors will review the recommendations, discuss and determine whether funding will be approved.

Applicants selected for funding will be required to provide written updates every six months, and in-person or phone call discussion of the project. Applicants may be asked to provide marketing materials such as lab photos, written summaries, videos, and/or charts to be used to update private donors.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

1. Cover Page

- a. Title of Project
- b. Institution
- c. Principal Investigator
- d. Contact information for primary contact

2. Lab focus of research

3. Proposal of specific program for which funds are being requested.

- a. Introduction (*2 pages*)
- b. Specific aims (*1 page*)
- c. Background and Innovation: Describe how this research might improve the treatments for rare pediatric, adolescent and young adult cancers (*1-2 pages*)
- d. Project plan (*2-4 pages*)
- e. Timeline (*1 page*)

4. Projected budget and amount being requested from SDF.

- a. Funds may be used for salary, supplies, equipment, or technical assistance.
- b. What other funding sources are currently in place for this project? What other funding sources are being pursued? Is there an opportunity to leverage funding for greater success?
- c. SDF does not provide funds for indirect costs.

5. Attach a biosketch for each key personnel and reports or papers on previous research directly related to this project.

Grant proposals can be submitted through [*Proposal Central*](#) following approval of the LOI.



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