

Request for Applications

KCCure Chromophobe Research Grant Award

KCCure is offering a grant totaling \$50,000 for a pilot project focused on cutting-edge, innovative scientific research in chromophobe kidney cancer.

The application period is December 15th, 2023, through February 16th, 2024. Award will be announced mid-April.

Grant Details

- Proposed projects should develop a new research direction, explore an innovative idea, test an unconventional, but potentially important hypothesis, or ascertain the feasibility of a research approach.
- The grant will be paid in one installment, to be used over a period of one year.
- Funds may be used for the salaries of postdoctoral fellows or technicians, for equipment, and/or for consumable supplies. Funds may not be used for administrative or indirect costs.
- Applications will be judged by a review panel composed of physicians and scientists with applicable expertise. Reviewers will be selected to ensure no conflict of interest in the award. High priority will be given to project innovation and potential clinical impact.
- Awardees are expected to provide a 500-word summary of their research plan, understandable to lay people, at the time of application, and an additional 500-word summary of their research accomplishments, also understandable to lay people, at the completion of funding.

Application Format

Applications should be simple, brief and ordered as follows:

1. Title Page – Project title, PI/Co-PIs, including institution and department affiliation
2. Project Information –
 - a. Lay Summary (500 words)
 - b. Specific Aims (1000 characters per aim)
3. Research Strategy
 - a. Significance and Background:
 - i. Explain the importance of the problem or clinical barrier being addressed.
 - ii. Explain how the project will improve the field, overcome barriers, or drive further innovation if aims are achieved.
 - b. Innovation:
 - i. Explain how the research seeks to challenge or shift current research strategies or clinical practice paradigms.
 - ii. Describe any novel concepts or methodologies, or interventions that would be developed or used.
 - c. Approach:
 - i. Describe the overall strategy used to accomplish the specific aims of the project.
 - ii. Discuss potential problems, and/or outline possible alternative strategies that might be considered to achieve the aims.
4. Cited References
5. Patient Advisory Board Questions: 1.) How did you become involved in research for chromophobe RCC? 2.) What frustrates you most about the pace of research in rare diseases? What do you think would help improve research in rare subtypes like chromophobe? What makes you hopeful about the future for chromophobe RCC research?

Page 1 of the application should serve as the Title Page. Research strategy, References and Patient Questions responses cannot exceed five pages collectively, presented in Arial 11 font with half- inch margins.

Additional Application Materials

Applicants should also include the following materials, which are not included in the five-page application limit.

- Budget
- Current and pending funding – Carefully indicate reasons for non-overlap of funding if potential overlap exists
- Institutional letter of support

The application and additional materials should be saved in a single file in PDF format (less than 10 mb).

Send applications to Grants@KCCure.org.