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The Brain Tumor Foundation for Children in Atlanta, GA, is currently offering up to \$75,000 in “Junior and Senior Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Scholar Awards” (\$25,000 and \$50,000 respectively) to support research projects that focus on pediatric brain tumor investigation. We are currently accepting applications from qualified researchers in the eight southeastern states in which we presently provide services (AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, SC, and TN).

Descriptions of the awards and application procedures are on the following pages. If you have questions, please contact mary@braintumorkids.org.

“Junior Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Scholar Award”

Description

This award of the Brain Tumor Foundation for Children (BTFC) provides \$25,000 in protected time funding to new scientists at the end of their fellowship training or early in their career in brain tumor research. All applicants must demonstrate outstanding mentorship and a career plan that focuses on pediatric brain tumor investigation.

The primary purpose of this scholar program is to support pilot research and novel educational programs that advance the cures for pediatric brain tumors.

These funds will be used to support protected time for junior investigators or last year fellows. Ideal candidates will submit a proposal for *Junior Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Scholar (Junior BTFC Scholar)* funding that will supplement a grant award that did not provide adequate release time. In order to utilize this gift to maximum benefit, faculty may not receive *Junior BTFC Scholar* funding more than two consecutive years.

It is the expectation of the Brain Tumor Foundation for Children that the Junior Scholars will:

- present their work at regional and/or national meetings;
- develop manuscripts for peer review;
- provide written progress reports to department leadership; and
- seek follow-on funding sources to advance their project.

Criteria

- Applicants should be at the early stages of their research career.
- Applications from hematology/oncology or other post-doctoral fellows, such as PhD basic science researchers and junior faculty focusing on pediatric brain tumor research will be considered.
- The applicant must not currently hold an independent NIH grant.
- A research mentor must be identified and the applicant must document his/her involvement in experimental design and execution.

Budget

\$25,000 in direct costs will be awarded to applicant.

Progress

A final written progress report is required at the conclusion of funding.

“Senior Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Scholar Award”

Description

The Brain Tumor Foundation for Children (BTFC) is committed to creating opportunities for innovative research to turn into treatments and cures for pediatric brain tumors. The *Senior Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Scholar (Senior BTFC Scholar) Award* provides \$50,000 in protected time funding to mid-career investigators with a novel approach to pediatric brain tumor scientific investigation.

Applications are expected to be from distinguished investigators who require seed money to investigate a promising idea. These projects must be relevant to pediatric brain tumors.

This award will be used primarily to support ‘protected time’ for investigators. Ideal candidates will submit a proposal for *Senior BTFC Scholar* funding that will supplement a grant award that did not provide adequate release time. In order to utilize this gift to maximum benefit, faculty may not receive *Senior BTFC Scholar* funding more than two consecutive years.

It is the expectation of the Brain Tumor Foundation for Children that the Scholars will:

- present their work at regional and/or national meetings
- develop manuscripts for peer review
- provide written progress reports to department leadership; and
- seek follow-on funding sources to advance their project

Criteria

- Applicants should be at least Assistant, Associate or Full Professor level.
- Applicant may be MD or PhD.
- Applicants must be engaged in innovative pediatric brain tumor research with major scientific advancement.

Budget

\$50,000 in direct costs will be awarded to applicant.

Progress

A final written progress report is required at the conclusion of funding.

Grant Cover Page

Principal Investigator's Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Institution Name: _____

Application for:

- Junior Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Scholar Award*
- Senior Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Scholar Award*

Certification and Acceptance:

We, the undersigned, certify that the statements contained in the attached grant application are true to the best of our knowledge. We agree to conform to the policies and rules governing this award. We also understand that grants from the Brain Tumor Foundation for Children may not be used for any indirect costs.

Signature of Principal Investigator:

_____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Official Authorized to Sign for Institution:

_____ **Date:** _____

Name and title of Authorized Official:

Please submit this grant cover page as part of your application.

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Junior and Senior Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Scholar Awards Application Procedures and Administration

*All grant applications must be received by October 1, 2009 deadline.
Late applications will not be accepted.*

2009/2010 Grant Cycle

Application Due Date: October 1, 2009

Award Notification Date: October 30, 2009

Project Start: January 1, 2010

Progress Report Due Date: December 31, 2010

Scholar Award Application

All pages of your application should be numbered; the name of the principal investigator should appear in the upper right-hand corner of each page. The order of the application should be as follows, adhering strictly to page limits:

Cover Page (1 page)

Use the document provided.

Laymen's Summary (1 page)

Provide a brief synopsis of the proposed project. Please include the following:

1. A statement of the specific aims of the project or program.
2. The objectives to be achieved and their impact on pediatric brain tumor research.
3. What outcomes are you anticipating?
4. Impact of the program on the applicant's research, academic career, and home department.
5. Please discuss the anticipated timetable associated with your project.
6. Do you have data for an abstract submission/manuscript preparation? If so, please delineate the academic meeting and/or intended journal and timetable.
7. What current funding do you have for this project and what follow-on funding sources do you intend to pursue?

Scientific Abstract (1 page)

Please include a separate one-half page summary of research objectives and rationale.

Budget

Include a project budget. No indirect costs will be paid.

Performance Site(s)

Indicate where the work described in the Research Plan will be conducted.

List Key Personnel

Key personnel should include the applicant, mentor, and collaborators.

Biographical Sketch

Use the PHS 398 four page biographical sketch format for the Principal Investigator and any key personnel.

Recommendations

Include two letters of recommendation.

Mentoring Plan

For Junior Awards, describe plan for career development including strategies for mentorship, continued education and future research/funding.