

Child Health Research Awards Program

\$200,000 over Two Years (\$100,000 per year, inclusive of 10% indirect costs)

Application Guidelines

Award Period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026

Online Application Deadline: Monday, April 1, 2024 at 12:00 Noon, Eastern Time

NOTE: Significant recent changes for applications:

1. Award amount has increased to \$200,000 over two years,

of clarification, this restriction also applies to animal studies of pregnancy or prenatal development. Please inquire if further clarification is needed.

Eligibility Requirements

United States citizenship or residency is not required. All applicants must have completed their training at the time of application and be within five years (for PhD scientists) and seven years (for physician-scientists) of employment following conclusion of training. Applications from physician-scientists are encouraged.

All applicants must have a doctoral degree, lead independent research programs, hold a faculty appointment at a nonprofit academic, medical or research institution in the six New England states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut) and be working in that institution by the application deadline.

The Applicant must have demonstrated **research independence** confirmed by the Department or Division Chair. **Please note, Chair Letters not addressing the research independence of the Applicant will be considered non-responsive to this requirement.** Applicants may contact Charlene Mancusi at Charlene.Mancusi@CharlesHoodFoundation.org with questions regarding investigator-stage appropriateness (s)7.4e

the Applicant was employed following completion of training as described above.

Gaps in Work History, including Family or Medical Leave

If an Applicant has been on medical or family leave, or if research was interrupted for other reasons, this period of absence does not count towards eligibility.

The eligibility window will be extended by six months for each child born or adopted by the applicant, provided that the applicant is the primary caretaker for the child.

Please address any gaps in work history in the Personal Statement section of the Applicant Biosketch. The Department or Division Chair's letter must also confirm both the duration of the leave of absence and Applicant eligibility.

Minimum Percent Effort

All applicants are required to devote at least 20% effort to the proposed Hood research project. Percent effort may exceed the percent of total salary support requested from the Hood Foundation.

Concurrent, Pending and Post Award Funding

Child Health Research Awards are for the purpose of launching an investigator's career and are not intended for the support of an established investigator.

Current Federal and Non-Federal Support

Applicants may hold a K Award or be in the R00 phase of a K99/R00 as long as those Award amounts, combined with other funding, do not exceed the limits noted below.

Also please note, **Child Health Research Awards require research independence**, so applicants with any current mentored award (including K Awards) must:

- Provide the scheduled end date of the K or other Award; and
- Clarify their current level of independence, which should also be addressed within the

Applicant Independence / Institutional Commitment Form.

Applicants are ineligible if, at the time of application, they have **combined federal and non-federal funding** totaling \$500,000 or more in direct costs during the first year of the Hood Award. This figure refers to external funding only and not an Applicant's start-up

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Resubmission Policy

Every effort will be made to provide written feedback from the Committee to applicants, who will have the opportunity to reapply **one time** following an initial application and **during one of the next two semi-annual grant cycles immediately following the original submission**. Please note that the resubmission will be considered alongside all other submissions received during that grant cycle; no special preference will be given to resubmissions. Returning applicants must meet the Eligibility Requirements at the time of resubmission.

The resubmission may be on the same or a different topic as the original grant submission and **must include a one-page summary of changes in the resubmission that address the specific items noted in the original reviewer comments**. This page does not count in the page limit for the research proposal. See application instructions for further details.

Award Selection Criteria

The following criteria are used to evaluate thefo

Application Instructions

ONLINE APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 1, 2024 ()

Before beginning the online submission, download and save the “Application Forms” which can be found at www.hria.org/tmf/Hood.

Use one of the following links to begin or continue the application process:

Start a new application: www.GrantRequest.com/SID_738/?SA=SNA&FID=35037

Return to a saved application:

- iii.* **Research Project Summary and Performance Sites:** Complete this form according to the instructions at the top of that page. This summary will be posted on our website if the project is funded (*maximum of 300 words*).

- iv.* **Non-Technical Project Summary:** Prepare a lay-language

Letters of Recommendation Upload

TWO confidential letters are required with an optional third, all of which must be submitted through the online system. They must be from 1) your Department or Division Chair and 2) your Postdoctoral Mentor, Residency Director or equivalent. The third letter is optional from a person of your choosing.

The Department/Division Chair should refer to the “Applicant Independence / Institutional Commitment” form for specific content of this Letter.

The Applicant must send an email request via the online application system and the Recommenders must use the website link provided in the email to upload the letters of recommendation. It is critical that you contact your Recommenders early on in the application process to allow them sufficient time to prepare and upload their letters.

Instructions for Sending an Email Request to each Recommender:

On the “Recommenders” page, input the names and emails of the two or three Recommenders. Check the “Send Email” box for the specific individual you are contacting. (**Note:** the form default is to have all of the “Send Email” boxes checked so make sure you uncheck the others until you are ready to draft that person’s message).

Click on the “Send” button.

This will bring you to the “Notify Selected Recommenders” page. Here, you will be “Sending” the letters to the selected recommenders.