The University’s internal deadline for the limited submission competition for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, 2016 Spring Grant Cycle is 1/4/16. If you are interested, please read on for details.

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is a non-profit organization raising funds for childhood cancer research. Since its inception in 2005, the foundation has used these funds to grant over $178 million for childhood cancer research.

Current funding priorities are divided into four categories and five focus areas:

- New discovery research
- Translational research and early phase clinical trials
- Phase III clinical trials and infrastructure support of participating institutions (primarily the fall grant cycle)
- Education of new pediatric oncology researchers

In addition to research to understand the biology of childhood cancers and discover leads to more effective treatments, topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Adolescents and young adults
- Survivorship, outcomes, and quality of life
- Supportive care
- Epidemiologic studies
- Alternative therapies

1. **St. Baldrick’s Fellows (Post-Doctoral):** The Foundation funds years 3-5 of a pediatric oncology research fellowship, with an opportunity for one additional year of funding. This mechanism is designed to support a Fellow’s salary and benefits only. The foundation encourages applications from institutions with fellowship programs which have not previously received St. Baldrick’s funding for this grant mechanism.

2. **St. Baldrick’s Scholars:** This career development award is to help develop the independent research of highly qualified individuals still early in their careers (no more than seven years as a faculty member, post-fellowship). (Up to $110,000/year, three year minimum, with an opportunity for two additional years.) This award is for a Scholar’s salary & benefits only; adjustments may be allowed if the Scholar receives other funds after applying, upon Foundation approval.

3. **St. Baldrick’s International Scholars:** This three-year award, with an option for two additional years based on progress, is available to train researchers from low- and middle-income countries (according to classification made by the World Bank) to prepare them to fill specific state needs in an area of childhood cancer research.
4. **Research Grants**: These one-year grants are for specific research projects which are hypothesis driven and may be laboratory, clinical or epidemiological research. (Average grant will be $100,000 or less, the proposed budget must be realistic for the project.)

5. **Supportive Care Research Grants**: These are for research projects which are hypothesis driven and focus on areas related to the supportive care of children and adolescents with cancer. Examples include studies related to symptom clusters, patient-reported outcomes/quality of life, health communication, health promotion, and psychosocial support across the trajectory from diagnosis to survivorship or end-of-life care. (Average grant will be $50,000 or less, the proposed budget must be realistic for the project.)

6. **Consortium Research Grant**: These grants are to support a multi-institutional (3-5 or more) program project that is thematic - to solve key questions in childhood cancer. These grants may be for up to five years. Applications should propose realistic budget to accomplish the project’s goal. **Note**: Consortia are considered as separate entities and more than one application may be submitted by an institution acting as lead.

7. **St. Baldrick’s Summer Fellows**: These awards offer a $5,000 stipend (one per institution) for a student to work on pediatric oncology research. Summer fellowship programs directors can contact Grants@StBaldricks.org for application information.

The University of Miami may nominate one candidate per mechanism listed above (with the exception of the Research grants – we may nominate two applicants). If you are interested in applying, please submit the following documents to Karen Lamper klamper@miami.edu no later than Monday, January 4, 2016. The required Letter of Intent is due electronically to the St. Baldrick’s Foundation on January 29, 2016.

- Indicate which foundation grant you will be applying to above (1-5).
- Title of your Proposal
- Your biosketch; including current and pending grant support.
- A brief summary of your project (no more than two pages).

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