

THE CURE STARTS NOW

The Cure Starts Now has funded basic, translational and clinical trials that further efforts in a homerun cure strategy for all cancers, starting with pediatric brain cancer. Our core initiatives focus on diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), diffuse midline glioma (DMG) and Medulloblastoma – though we have a history of funding other pediatric brain tumor research that contributes to our mission. Our research is international and impactful, covering 129 institutions in 29 countries worldwide. While the majority of our research focuses on \$100,000 USD and \$200,000 USD initiatives, we have funded projects as large as under \$5 million USD (with special approval). We have also funded projects both with institutions and industry, provided that they meet grant requirements.



In an effort to balance innovation with transparency, we utilize the SnapGrant research application platform. SnapGrant currently offers free unlimited postings for The Cure Starts Now Foundation's affiliated grant applications. These applications will be proprietary to The Cure Starts Now affiliated funders. If The Cure Starts Now Foundation declines funding your affiliated grant, it will be automatically released to public (non-affiliated) users of SnapGrant in a limited-view format with permission-based access that you approve on a case-by-case basis for potential funding (unless you elect to opt out during the application process).

The Cure Starts Now is pleased to offer your multiple grant options depending on your needs:

CURE FUND - ISPNO

The Cure Starts Now (TCSN) Cure Fund grant provides immediate funding of up to **\$50,000 USD** to support high-potential, innovative research concepts—the kind of bold “2 a.m. Big Ideas” that keep you awake and may require early, proof-of-concept funding.

Applications must be focused on pediatric brain tumor research, with preference given to projects that embrace universal-cure strategy implications. The grant involves a shortened application. Finalists will be required to deliver an in-person 4-minute presentation, typically held at the International Brain Cancer Symposium or the International Society of Pediatric Neuro-Oncology (ISPNO) meeting. Applications are reviewed by judges in advance; however, scoring is reserved for the in-person presentations, with up to 4 finalists selected to present and winner(s) chosen for funding on the same day. This opportunity is open to international applicants, and young researcher or funder categories may be used depending on the volume of submissions.

Depending on the timing of the application submission, finalists will be required to present in person at an upcoming International Society of Pediatric Neuro-Oncology (ISPNO) or the International Pediatric Brain Cancer Symposium Conference. Travel and accommodation costs are the responsibility of the applicants and are not included as part of this grant offering. Applicants selected as finalists will be notified at least 30 days in advance of the required presentation.

Open for Submissions Until April 10, 2026, 5pm EST

HOMERUN GRANT

This one of The Cure Starts Now's (TCSN) classic grants that funds translational, clinical, basic, and delivery research projects through either TCSN or the DIPG/DMG Collaborative, depending on funding availability and grant concentration. Awards are limited to **\$100,000 USD**, with increased allowances of up to **\$200,000 USD** available to researchers from hospitals actively contributing to the International DIPG/DMG Registry (IDIPGR) or the SIOPe DIPG/DMG Registry. Designed as a broad, universal funding opportunity, the Homerun Grant is open to industry partners and international applicants. The annual submission deadline is June 1, with initial notifications of award decisions or requests for additional information issued no later than October 15.

Open for Submissions Until June 1, 2026

ELIGIBILITY

- Must hold an MD, DO, PhD, DrPH, or equivalent degree
- Must be affiliated with a non-profit organization

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications must be submitted by the principal investigator (PI) or lead researcher requesting funding. While administrative or

REQUIREMENTS

- Single spaced
 - In English
- Additional grant-specific requirements may apply; applicants should refer to the