

16th October 2019

Dear Researchers,

The Friends of Rosie Children's Cancer Research Fund is now inviting applications for "pump-priming" research grants focused on childhood cancer.

The grant amount available is normally up to £70,000 for one year. There is a possibility of renewal for a second year upon receipt of a satisfactory progress report. You may nominate two referees for your project. Further peer review will be obtained from experts nominated by our independent Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). Please visit our website for details of our SAB members: <https://www.friendsofrosie.co.uk/friends-of-rosies-scientific-advisory-board/>

Our research priority areas for 2019/20 are shown below, but other areas will be considered:

- Methods to rapidly screen and sequence tumours to identify targetable mutations and activated pathways, including detection of potentially actionable translocations in tumours with low mutational loads
- Early detection of relapse through liquid biopsy methods, particularly ctDNA
- Understanding the mechanisms of failure of immunotherapy in paediatric cancer
- Immunotherapy – especially combinations of chemotherapy / immunotherapy or radiotherapy / immunotherapy
- Targeting cancers with poor outcome (e.g. DRSC, alveolar RMS, rhabdoid)
- Late toxicity effects of therapy

Projects proposing animal work must refer to guidance on the 3Rs provided by the NC3Rs (<https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/the-3rs>)

Please note, our charity mission is for the projects we fund to secure longer-term funding from other charities and organisations. Our grants enable researchers to obtain one or two years of data to then give them the evidence needed to take the research project to the next stage.

To facilitate this, it is condition of our grant award that researchers provide interim and full-year reports. The full-year report, upon completion of the project, must include details of subsequent funding applications and information on where research will be published.

Please submit your grant application in Word or PDF format using the forms in our application pack. The pack is available to download via our website: www.friendsofrosie.co.uk. Just click on the 'Download Application Pack' link in the Research section of the website or via the homepage.

Please send the completed forms by email to info@friendsofrosie.co.uk by **Monday 6th January 2020**.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Helen Griffin at info@friendsofrosie.co.uk or call 0161 834 7333

Yours faithfully

The Board of Trustees

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