The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. The foundation is soliciting letters of intent (LOIs) for several grants, fellowships and a scholar award.

NOTE:

The guidelines for this current competition (2013) are still under review by the foundation and are not yet available as of 12/6/2012. The foundation expects to release this year’s guidelines soon, but an exact date is not known. For this internal competition, you must refer to the foundation’s guidelines from last year’s competition (2012) available at:

(Some known revisions to the guidelines are marked in red.)

Those interested in these funding opportunities should check the St. Baldrick’s Foundation website frequently for the posting of this year’s guidelines (2013):
http://www.stbaldricks.org/where-the-money-goes/

Before submitting an application for this internal competition, it is the applicant’s responsibility to review the guidelines on the foundation’s website and verify that BOTH the applicant AND their project meet ALL eligibility criteria.

Letters of intent are being sought for the following funding types:

• **St. Baldrick’s Fellows** – The Foundation funds years 2-3 of a pediatric oncology research fellowship, with an opportunity for one additional year of funding. (Fellow’s salary & benefits only.) The “Sub-specialty Fellows” funding type mentioned in the 2012 guidelines at the URL above will be rolled into this funding type for 2013.

• **St. Baldrick’s Scholars** – This career development award is to help develop the independent research of highly qualified individuals still early in their careers. ($110,000/year, 3 year minimum, with an opportunity for two additional years). This award is for Scholar’s salary & benefits only; adjustments may be allowed if the Scholar receives other funds after the first year, upon Foundation approval.

• **Research Grants** – These one-year grants are for specific research projects which are hypothesis driven and may be either laboratory or clinical in nature. Average grant will be $100,000 or less.

• **Supportive Care Research Grants** – These are for specific research projects that 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.

• **Consortium Research Grants** – These grants are for consortium groups from multiple institutions to collaborate on specific research projects. These grants may be for multiple years if required to accomplish the goal.

• **St. Baldrick’s Summer Fellows** – These awards offer a $5,000 stipend for a student (one per institution) to work on pediatric oncology research between the first and second year of medical school.

UM may submit one application in each funding type. (Note: The number of applications for the Consortium Research Grants is not limited, but we request that you follow the procedures described herein.) Deadline to submit a letter of intent to the St. Baldrick’s Foundation is January 31, 2013. For approved LOIs, deadline for full applications to the foundation is April 5, 2013.
For consideration as an institutional nominee, submit **ONLY** the items below electronically by **January 2, 2013** following the instructions listed on the cover sheet. Download the cover sheet at: http://www.med.umich.edu/medschool/research/support/funding.htm#limited

1. Cover sheet  
2. A letter of intent (no more than one page) containing the following information:  
   - Name of the applicant: the prospective Fellow or Scholar (career development award recipient), or the principal investigator for research grants  
   - Contact information for the above person (complete mailing address, phone number, fax number and email address)  
   - Name of the institution(s) involved in the proposal  
   - Title of the proposed project  
   - Area of focus of the submission (childhood cancer type or other research focus)  
   - Brief rationale for the proposed project  
   - Relevance to the mission of St. Baldrick’s, to cure childhood cancers  
3. NIH formatted biosketch

**We acknowledge receipt of all electronic submissions. If you do not receive a response from us by the end of the next business day, please call us at 734-763-4086.** Contact Kathryn Ridner at 734-763-4086 or (kridner@umich.edu) with any questions.