



**2026 St. Baldrick's Foundation Grant Application
Information and Guidelines for
International Scholar Awards**

Letter of Intent (LOI) Due: **December 8, 2025 5PM ET**

Full Proposal Due: **February 27, 2026 5PM ET**

Award decisions announced by June 26, 2026

Award period begins: July 1, 2026

ABOUT THE ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer and donor powered charity committed to supporting the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.

It started with a friendly dare: would you shave your head to raise money for kids' cancer research? What happened next would change the world. This bold act of baldness has gained major momentum, since its start in 2000. Today, we have more than 1,000 head-shaving events taking place around the world at pubs, restaurants, schools, churches, parks, firehouses, military bases – you name it. It is our constituents' way of changing the world, in a meaningful way. Volunteers also raise funds through athletic challenges, livestream fundraisers and many other activities.

Since the Foundation's first grants as an independent charity in 2005, St. Baldrick's has invested more than \$368 million in childhood cancer research grants worldwide. It's about collaboration. It's about powerful ideas, big and small. It's about never giving up until we have cures for all kids with cancers.

For more information, please visit StBaldricks.org. You can also search current and past grants at StBaldricks.org/grants.

FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

The St. Baldrick's Foundation works hard to be sure that every dollar makes the biggest impact possible in childhood cancer research. The Foundation is proud to have received the National Cancer Institute Peer Review Funder designation for selection of grants. The Foundation has held several Research Priorities Summits with many of the country's leading pediatric oncology researchers participating to advise the staff and board of directors on funding priorities.

The St. Baldrick's team and scientific advisors meet regularly to be sure St. Baldrick's funds make the greatest impact on pediatric cancer research.

Current funding priorities are divided into four categories:

- New discovery research
- Translational research and early phase clinical trials
- Phase III clinical trials & 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 & young adults
- Survivorship, outcomes, and quality of life
- Supportive care
- Epidemiology and pediatric cancer predispositions
- Precision medicine
- Alternative & complementary therapies

FUNDING CYCLES

Spring Grant Cycle

Spring cycle grants are funded based on scientific review. The following programs/categories are available in the Spring Cycle:

- St. Baldrick's Scholars
- St. Baldrick's International Scholars
- Research Grants

St. Baldrick's Summer Fellows (*no LOI, applications due February*)

Fall Grant Cycle

Fellows are funded based on scientific review. Infrastructure grants are funded based on need, expected outcomes, and local St. Baldrick's participation, with a strong priority on geographic areas with no other St. Baldrick's funding. The following programs/categories are available in the Fall Cycle:

- Infrastructure Grants
- St. Baldrick's Fellows

Grants will be made according to revenues available.

International Scholar Award: Eligibility Requirements/Qualifications

This three (3) year award, with an option for two (2) additional years based on progress, is to train researchers from low- and middle- income countries (as classified by the World Bank) to prepare them to fill specific stated needs in an area of childhood cancer research upon returning to their country of origin. Proposals should detail a realistic impact of the award on pediatric cancer research in their country of origin. Recipients are called St. Baldrick's International Scholars. Grants will be up to \$110,000/year, for three years.

- The research proposal must include 2–3 years of training at the sponsoring institution, as well as the implementation of a carefully constructed research project at the institution of origin (see below).
- Selection criteria will include the scientific merit of the research proposal, scientific quality and impact of proposed training, the potential for the Scholar to continue training other investigators in their country of origin, and the commitment of the scholar's institution of origin to develop and continue the research program in order to increase the chances of long-term success. See below for full review criteria.
- International Scholar are one of many funding categories offered by the St. Baldrick's Foundation; it is possible for a program/institution to receive funding in more than one category. With the exception noted immediately below, each program/institution may submit one (1) LOI/application in all open St. Baldrick's funding categories

2026 St. Baldrick's Spring Cycle LOI/application submissions allowed by program/category per institution				
Program/category	Research Grant	Scholar (CDA)	International Scholar	Limited submission policy exception*
Submissions allowed	1	1	1	1
<i>Total Possible Submissions per Institution: Up to four (4) LOIs/applications, if all categories are utilized.</i>				
<i>*See details below for areas of interest that qualify for the one additional exception submission in one category of choice</i>				

- **ATTENTION: limited submissions policy exception:** Due to high interest from donors and low numbers of past applications, one additional LOI/application will be accepted only if it focuses on one of the area's listed below. This allowance applies to the overall cycle—not to each program or funding category individually.
 - Brain tumors – all types, including rare forms, especially atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumor (AT/RT), diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG)/diffuse midline glioma (DMG), and glioblastoma (GBM)
 - Burkitt lymphoma – all types, especially sporadic
 - Rhabdoid tumors - Extrarenal
- During each grant cycle, an applicant can only apply once as the lead Principal Investigator. This restriction applies also to the above described limited submissions policy exception.
- St. Baldrick's funds may not be used for human embryonic stem cell research.
- Applicants should hold a Ph.D., M.D., D.O., or international equivalent degree by the date the award becomes effective.
- Applicants must have completed a pediatric oncology fellowship or two (2) years of equivalent training.
- Awardees will need to obtain appropriate work authorization to complete their project and return to their country of origin following completion of their training. Work authorization costs are not allowable expenses.
- Applicants must have a pediatric oncology-related research project.
- Applications that do not include a research proposal will not be accepted.
- Applicants must commit to return to their country of origin upon completion of the training period at the sponsoring institution. A letter of support from the Institution of Origin is required.
- All qualified applicants will receive consideration for funding without regard to race, color, ethnicity/national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, religion, belief and spirituality, age disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.
- A program/institution is defined as an entity essentially operating under one management.
 - Any questions or questionable situations will be reviewed by a subset of the Scientific Advisory Board of St. Baldrick's. Questions can be emailed to Grants@Stbaldricks.org, please include a copy of the potential Scholar's biosketch.
- Institutions that are actively involved in (sponsor, promote, or participate in) non-St. Baldrick's head-shaving fundraising events are not eligible to apply for St. Baldrick's funding.
 - St. Baldrick's understands that hospitals and their fundraising agents and organizations cannot control what their many *volunteers* do. Some may

- undertake head-shaving fundraisers that hospital/agent/organization is not aware of and does not sanction or promote. These activities would not prevent the hospital's researchers from applying for St. Baldrick's grants.
- The following applies to hospitals, their fundraising agents and organizations as *institutions*. Researchers from hospitals would be ineligible to apply for St. Baldrick's grants if the hospital/agent/organization promotes (advertises, emails, blogs, media stories, social media posts, shares, reshares, likes, tweets, re-tweets or hosts web pages) a non-St. Baldrick's head-shaving fundraiser through any type of marketing, advertising, outreach or public-facing collateral or ancillary materials, or on any channel (television, radio, print, social media, website, etc.), using any content that sponsors, highlights, advocates or recommends a head-shaving event other than St. Baldrick's.

SPONSORING INSTITUTION

- LOI/Applications must be submitted by the sponsoring institution.
- The sponsoring institution is the institution at which the applicant will be obtaining their training.
- The sponsoring institution must be located in a country included in the World Bank Classification as a High Income country (e.g. the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, etc.).
- Applicants must have a Sponsor (Faculty Mentor) who provides supervision, facilities, and research support from a Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Program at the sponsoring institution.
- A letter of concurrence and support from the Sponsor is required at the proposal stage.
- During years 1–3, a minimum of 50% of the Scholar's time is required to include training and research at the sponsoring institution.
- Years 1–3 of the award will be payable to the Scholar's sponsoring institution(s), nonprofit research institution(s), or laboratory(ies). If appropriate, the sponsoring institution can issue sub-awards for the Scholar's research activities occurring at the institution of origin during years 1–3. (Years 4–5, if funded, may be paid to the International Scholar's institution of origin; see Conditions of Award below).

INSTITUTION OF ORIGIN

- The institution of origin is the institution the applicant currently holds a position at and will return to after training at the sponsoring institution.
- The institution of origin must be located in a country included in the World Bank Classification as Low, Lower-Middle, and Upper-Middle income countries.

- Applicants must be early-career and possibly hold a junior faculty-level position at an academic or non-profit research institution or laboratory at the institution of origin and must have held such a position for no longer than five years at the time of the application deadline. (Year 4–5 funding will require a guaranteed faculty position at the institution of origin.)
- A letter of concurrence and support from the institution of origin is required at the proposal stage.
- Only one International Scholar will be considered for funding from the same participating low or middle-income country institution of origin.

PAYMENT STRUCTURE

- All awards will be payable to the lead academic institution, non-profit research institution, or laboratory to administer for the purposes of this grant only.
- Sub awards are allowable on St. Baldrick's Foundation Research Grants and International Scholar awards. Sub awards are not allowed on Scholar awards, Fellowship awards or Summer Fellow awards.
- St. Baldrick's will issue annual payments to the lead institution. The lead institution will be responsible for coordinating any sub-awards.
- If a sub-award institution is legally unable to receive payment from the lead institution, St. Baldrick's may consider direct payment on a case-by-case basis. Any such circumstances must be disclosed in the Assurance Questions section of the application in ProposalCentral.
- St. Baldrick's will not make direct payments to for-profit entities or individuals.

International Scholar Award: Conditions of Award

- This award is granted for three (3) years with an opportunity to apply for an additional two (2) years of funding based upon the demonstration of significant progress.
- Funding for years 1–3 will be a maximum amount of \$110,000/year and may be used for the salary and benefits (competitive salary for the sponsoring institution), tuition, research support, and/or equipment for subsequent years, and, if applicable, justified travel.
- Fringe benefits are generally defined as medical and dental insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits and are payable only for eligible participation in such programs. See Budget Guidance section for more details.
- Expenditures for laboratory costs/equipment and travel are not considered fringe benefits. See Budget Guidance section for more details.
- If awarded, in January of the International Scholars' 3rd year of funding, the St. Baldrick's Foundation Grants Administration staff will reach out to grantees with instructions on applying for 1–2 years of extended funding (year 4–5).

Applications will be submitted via ProposalCentral and reviewed for progress. Extended years are granted 1 year at a time, if the scholar remains eligible for a subsequent year s/he will apply again in the following year. Grantees can email Grants@StBaldricks.org for further questions about extended funding.

- Years 4–5, if funded, will be a maximum amount of \$115,000/year. Year 4–5 costs are limited to up to 50% of the Scholar's salary, research related support and/or equipment, and attendance at international research meetings. (International Scholar travel to attend scientific meetings and workshops that the sponsor determines to be necessary for the individual's research training and career development experience is an allowable Scholar expense.) Years 4–5 may be paid to the International Scholar's institution of origin.
- A portion of the funding for years 4–5 may be budgeted to ensure the program's success after the Scholar's training is complete to provide the Scholar's institution of origin the necessary resources to continue the work and pass the training on to others there (see above).
- No institutional overhead or indirect funding is provided under the terms of the grant. See Budget Guidance section for more details.

International Scholar Award: LOI/Application Requirements

- LOI/Applications must be submitted with the sponsoring institution as the lead institution.
- LOI, application, and required documents must be submitted by the Principal Investigator, in English, online through ProposalCentral (proposalcentral.altum.com) before 5 p.m. EST on the deadline.

LOI INSTRUCTIONS

- Category and cycle specific LOI instructions/requirements are available in ProposalCentral upon starting the LOI and on the St. Baldrick's website (stbaldricks.org/for-researchers).
- International Scholar LOI Instructions: <https://www.stbaldricks.org/file/Research/International-Scholar-Letter-of-Intent.pdf>

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND DESCRIPTION

- All application instructions and templates/requirements will be available in ProposalCentral upon approval of an LOI.
- The International Scholar LOI/Application must be submitted under the Sponsoring Institution.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure and to verify that the application is received by the deadline date and that the application is complete and correct prior to submission.
- E-signatures are required from the PI, Sponsor, and a Sponsoring Institutional Official to submit the Application.
- Required Application Sections (please see full requirements in ProposalCentral)
 - General Information
 - Title, Applicant Information, Organization, Abstracts and Keywords
 - Applicant/Candidate Eligibility
 - Biosketch –Applicant/Candidate
 - Biosketch - Sponsor
 - Budget
 - Budget Justification
 - Environment and Resources
 - Letter of Reference (blind). At least three letters of support are required:
 - The Sponsor.
 - The Sponsoring Institution's Department Chairman or Division Chief. If the sponsor is also the Department Chairman OR Division Chief, please use best judgement as to who should complete this required letter.
 - Institution of Origin's Department Chairman or Institutional Director.
 - Other Support

- Personal Statement - Applicant
- Research Plan and Candidate
- Resource Sharing Plan
 - Resource sharing is an expected outcome of all St. Baldrick's Foundation (SBF) supported grants. Grantees are expected to encourage and facilitate resource sharing. Sharing research outputs increases access to scientific information, promotes collaboration, accelerates discovery, and improves the reproducibility of research. The goal of the SBF Resource Sharing Statement is to enable the faster translation of research discoveries into cures for children with cancer. This is achieved through a policy that encourages article sharing, data sharing, early sharing, and methods sharing. Research outputs may include (but are not limited to); peer reviewed publications and preprints, datasets, code, software, protocols, research materials, inventions, patents, and commercial activity. We expect grantees to use recognized, openly accessible public repositories where available. This statement is effective for awards starting July 1, 2023, and beyond. Applicants will be asked about data sharing plans as part of the application. Data sharing plans are reviewed but not scored.
- - Applicants can enable other users to access their proposal (e.g., department or grants administrators) in the full proposal section of ProposalCentral.
 - All application evaluations are considered confidential and are available to scientific reviewers, the Foundation's Board of Directors, and the administrative personnel of the St. Baldrick's Foundation only. Reviewer comments will be made available to applicants after funding decisions are made.
 - *Resubmissions*: Applicants with resubmissions have the option to check a box in ProposalCentral on the title page of the application stating that it is a resubmission. Resubmissions are not marked in the Letter of Intent stage. Applicants may mention it is a resubmission in the LOI. Applicants with a resubmission are asked to address the reviewer comments in the appendix. Be sure that the document addressing previous reviewer comments is listed in the table of contents for your appendix. Resubmission applicants will not have all three of the same reviewers. St. Baldrick's does ask at least one of the previous reviewers to re-review the resubmission. Once marked as a resubmission in ProposalCentral, new reviewers will have access to the past reviewer comments. Resubmissions are still required to go through limited submission decisions per the institution.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Each application is scientifically reviewed by qualified pediatric oncology research experts. Recommendations for funding are made to the St. Baldrick's Foundation Board

of Directors, which makes the final decisions. The total funds granted are determined based on the funds available and the scientific quality of the applications.

Applicants selected for funding will be notified as soon as possible. Funding status shall be relayed through ProposalCentral, by mail, email, or by phone. All rankings and evaluations are considered confidential. Applicants will receive access to the written critiques.

Applications are evaluated using the NIH 1-9 scale on the following criteria:

- Significance: how the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions in the candidate's home country will be changed if the proposed aims are achieved
- Candidate: The applicant's career goals, background, and preparation to undertake the proposed project
- Sponsor/Mentor: The qualifications of the sponsor/mentor including experience as a research supervisor, and ability to guide and train the applicant, etc.
- Research Plan: The quality and scientific rigor along with importance of the proposed research
- Environment and Resources: The institutional resources and facilities available for the proposed research

The following criteria is reviewed, but not scored:

- Resource sharing plan
- Budget

Any questions following the notification of awards should be addressed in writing to:

Laura Chung
Director of Grants Administration
Laura@StBaldricks.org
626.792.8247, ext. 236

International Scholar Award: Grant Terms

- When an application is approved for funding the transfer of funds is contingent upon all legal documents being signed and approved by the St. Baldrick's Foundation.
- No Cost Extensions must be requested and approved by email: Grants@StBaldricks.org. Email Grants@StBaldricks.org for a template. Requests should include the amount of funds remaining, a brief report of progress, an explanation of why the extension is necessary, and the length of time requested.
- No Cost Extensions can be requested for 6 months or 1 year at a time.
- If a grant reaches an extended end date of 3 years beyond the original end date, no further No Cost Extensions will be considered, and remaining amounts of \$100 and over must be returned to the Foundation.
- For multi-year awards, the Principal Investigator may request that funds be moved from a previous or current period into a future period. Carry-forward requests should be submitted in writing (email: Grants@StBaldricks.org) with an explanation for the unexpended balance, a plan for the use of funds, and a side-by-side comparison between the original budget and future budget categorical items. Funds cannot be carried forward between two different award IDs.
- Re-budget requests should be submitted in writing (email: Grants@StBaldricks.org) with an explanation of each change and a side-by-side comparison between the original budget and revised budget categorical items. Rebudgeting that results in expansion of scope will be reviewed by St. Baldrick's scientific advisors for approval.
- Some grants will be "named" for significant St. Baldrick's constituents (Hero Funds, major donors, high-ranking fundraising teams, corporate or foundation partners, etc.). Recipients of named grants must use the title designated by the Foundation whenever referring to the grant (example: The ABC Company St. Baldrick's Scholar or the Team Courtney St. Baldrick's Fellow). These grant recipients may also be asked to meet or communicate with these constituents.
- The institution's public relations staff will ensure all requirements detailed in the Publicity Form are understood and met. This form will be provided with the award acceptance paperwork. PR questions can be addressed to: media@stbaldricks.org
- Grant recipients will work with the Foundation to coordinate a joint press release to announce the grant and will give recognition to the St. Baldrick's Foundation where funders are listed on the institution's website and in its annual report.
- Grant recipients will become familiar with the St. Baldrick's Foundation and be prepared to speak publicly about its work, when appropriate. The Foundation encourages participation by grant recipients in St. Baldrick's events held in the geographic vicinity of their institution. Shaving one's head is not required; there are many ways to participate, including speaking at the event, helping to connect patients or survivors and their families to the Foundation to be honored, and

participating in your favorite activity to raise funds for pediatric cancer research (i.e. running, walking, climbing a mountain, hosting another event, etc.).

- Grantees are expected to maintain accurate grant and research records, cooperate with any St. Baldrick's review and promptly report research misconduct or significant changes in the funded researcher's status. Failure to meet these requirements may result in suspension or termination of funding.
- If awarded, funds will be released upon receipt and sufficiency of all paperwork by the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Any inconsistency noted relative to the award shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: The signed award acceptance form; and, The St. Baldrick's Foundation Grant Application Information and Guidelines.
- Infrastructure grants and Summer Fellow grants are influenced by local St. Baldrick's participation. All other grants are funded based on scientific review.

IDENTIFICATION

The title "St. Baldrick's Foundation International Scholar" as applicable shall be used in all printed and/or electronic publications during the period of the award. Identification with the Foundation shall also be in any news released about the International Scholar's research project by the public relations department or its equivalent at the sponsoring institution.

TRANSFER

Requests for transfers by an International Scholar to another institution while the award is in effect will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require justification of an urgent need for the transfer as well as written approvals. Continuation of funding at the new institution is contingent on prior written approval from the Foundation after its review of the written request. The International Scholar must submit a request for transfer and appropriate documentation of justification accompanied by a letter of support from both the current and future sponsor, a letter of support from the new sponsoring institution, and a letter of support from the institution of origin at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of transfer. Notification of approval or denial of the transfer shall be in writing.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If the International Scholar's funding period is interrupted for any reason, written permission must be obtained from the Foundation if the International Scholar's term is to be continued at a later date. Leaves of absence are limited to not more than one (1) year. In the event an International Scholar's term is not completed due to incapacitating illness or death, the prorated, unexpended funds must be returned to the Foundation. Requests for a leave of absence from the Foundation should be submitted in writing thirty (30) days before the date of commencement for the leave of absence.

REINSTATEMENT OF AWARD

Funds will not be reinstated after the Foundation has received notification in writing from the International Scholar of the intent to terminate research. Those wishing to resume funding are welcome to submit a new application, which will compete on an equal basis with all others during the subsequent funding cycle.

PROGRESS REPORTS

The International Scholar must submit reports of his/her annual research progress online via ProposalCentral by the dates specified in ProposalCentral. In addition to the scientific report, this includes a lay report written for the general public. The progress report shall be accompanied by an evaluation report from the Sponsor directly responsible for the International Scholar's work. A brief Interim Update verifying receipt of funds and usage is due after the first three (3) months of each grant year. The Interim Update must be completed directly in the webform available on ProposalCentral. Progress reports that are more than thirty (30) days late will impact the Primary Investigator's consideration and release of future awards. These reports shall be reviewed by the Foundation to evaluate the research progress of each International Scholar. The Foundation reserves the right to terminate any award if it determines that there has been inadequate research progress or a failure to adhere to the original proposal submitted with the application.

PUBLICATIONS

Please notify the St. Baldrick's Foundation (email: Grants@StBaldricks.org) as soon as you know of a publication's acceptance, to allow time for preparation for any publicity, blog stories, etc., to be coordinated between St. Baldrick's and your institution. Grant recipients are required to complete the annual publication webform in ProposalCentral, listing all publications resulting from the grant during the reporting period.

FINAL REPORTS

Within thirty (30) days of the International Scholar Award's end, the Principal Investigator shall submit a scientific and a lay report of results. Again, a report of the research project must be included for the lay public. The final report should be accompanied by an evaluation report from the Sponsor providing supervision for the International Scholar's work. Receipt by the Foundation of a satisfactory final research report and a satisfactory final accounting report will determine the Principal Investigator's ability to apply for future awards. Reports are submitted online via ProposalCentral, using the templates provided.

The Foundation will continue to stay in touch with each International Scholar to determine how Foundation funding has influenced his/her career and how it has contributed to finding a cure and/or better treatments for childhood cancer.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS

The International Scholar must annually submit a report of expenditures, due within sixty (60) days of the end of each grant year. All expenditures are expected to follow the approved budget. Expenditure reports should separate the costs for each year and not be cumulative. (For a three-year award, the report for year three should only cover expenses in that year.) The expenditure reports must be submitted as a budget webform via ProposalCentral. Instructions on how to complete and submit the budget deliverables can be found on page 11 here:

https://docs.proposalcentral.com/Instructions_Award_Info.pdf

HUMAN INVESTIGATION

All human subject research or research on human tissue which is supported by St. Baldrick's must comply with the regulations applicable to that supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). As part of the application, the applicant will be asked to submit documentation of approval of the study by his or her Institutional Review Board (IRB), along with the Institution's Human Subjects Assurance Number. Approval is not required at the application stage but will be required prior to issuing funds. If the grant recipient's research plan changes after the award to include human subjects or tissue, they must submit proper documentation of IRB approval to St. Baldrick's.

BIOHAZARDS

The Scholar Award applicant and institution shall submit an acknowledgment during the application process that potential biohazards are involved and provide an institutional statement of assurances regarding such potential biohazards and safeguards pertaining to this aspect of the research proposed in the Application to the Foundation. Projects which do not involve biohazards must so state. The Foundation assumes no responsibility or liability for any such biohazard and shall be held harmless from the results of the use of any such biohazard.

LABORATORY ANIMALS

The Foundation adheres to the most current guidelines applicable to the care and treatment of animals used in laboratory work as outlined by the National Institutes of Health. During the application process, the applicant must submit a statement that the sponsoring institution meets and adheres to these policies. Failure to notify the Foundation of compliance with these guidelines or the improper use of laboratory animals may result in termination of the award.

BUDGET GUIDANCE

- All budgets must be justified, meet the test of reasonableness, and be consistent with institutional policy.
- No institutional overhead or indirect funding is provided under the terms of the grant.

- Fringe rates should follow institutional policy.
- Fringe benefits are generally defined as medical and dental insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits and are payable only for eligible participation in such programs.
- Overlap in funding is not permitted. St. Baldrick's policy on overlap applies to Scientific, Budget, and Commitment Overlap as defined by the NIH.
 - Scientific Overlap: Scientific overlap occurs when substantially the same research is proposed in more than one application or is submitted to two or more different funding sources for review and funding consideration; or when a specific research objective and the experimental design for accomplishing that objective are the same or closely related in two or more pending applications or awards, regardless of funding source.
 - Budget Overlap: Budgetary overlap occurs when duplicate or equivalent budgetary items (i.e., equipment, salary) are requested in an application but are already funded by another source.
 - Commitment Overlap: Commitment overlap occurs when any project-supported personnel has time commitments (i.e., percent effort) exceeding 100%, regardless of how the effort/salary is being supported or funded.
- Situations may occur when an applicant has similar applications pending with different agencies that, if all funded, will present overlap issues. If an overlap occurs before award is accepted, it must be addressed with the St. Baldrick's Foundation before the new award can be accepted and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- If overlap occurs during an award, all grantees must be forthright regarding their support and notify the foundation within 30 days by emailing Grants@StBaldricks.org. Adjustments will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Reasonable travel costs are allowable on International Scholar awards.
- Publication and meeting-related poster printing costs are allowable on International Scholar awards.
- All equipment purchases must be included in the original budget; re-budgets for additional equipment will not be considered.
- Unused and remaining amounts of \$100 and over must be returned to the Foundation at the end of each grant year, unless an approved carry forward or No Cost Extension is on file.
- All budgets and expenditure reports must be submitted in USD.
- Expenditure reports are expected to follow approved budgets. Any budget line item that changes more than 25% from approved budget to expenditure report (without an approved rebudget on file) will result in follow up from the Foundation for explanation. Explanations will be reviewed for approval.
- The Foundation does not provide funds for items such as:
 - Secretarial/administrative salaries.
 - Student tuition (tuition is allowable for International Scholar awards).

- Office and laboratory furniture.
- Office equipment and supplies.
- Recruiting and relocation expenses.
- Non-medical services to patients (travel to a clinical site or patient incentives are allowable expenses).
- Construction, renovation, or maintenance of buildings/laboratories.
- Professional association membership dues.
- Scientific publication subscriptions.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR AWARD APPLICATION AND AWARD TIMELINE

Letter of Intent due by: December 8, 2025

Application submission deadline: February 27, 2026

Award notification by: June 26, 2026

Award period begins: July 1, 2026

USING ProposalCentral

The St. Baldrick's Foundation uses ProposalCentral (proposalcentral.com) for electronic submission of all LOIs and Full Applications. Fax, email, or hard copy submissions will not be accepted. See "How to Create an Application using ProposalCentral" at <https://docs.proposalcentral.com/CreateApp.pdf> for more information.

Registration

First-time users must register and fill out a Professional Profile in ProposalCentral to begin the LOI/Application process (see "How to Register as a ProposalCentral User" at <https://docs.proposalcentral.com/RegUser.pdf> for more information).

Submitting the LOI/Application

1. **LOG-IN & BEGIN AN LOI/APPLICATION.** To start a new LOI/application, login as an Applicant, and select the Grant Opportunities tab (grey tab on the top right). Find St. Baldrick's Foundation in the drop-down list and select "Filter List by Grant Maker." Find the program for which you wish to apply, and click "Apply Now" to begin the proposal.
2. **COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AFTER LOI APPROVAL.** Login as an Applicant, and select the Proposals tab. Select the "In Progress" status from the "Proposal Status" drop-down menu. Find the LOI that was approved, and click the "Edit" button to access and complete your application.
3. **ENABLE ACCESS FOR OTHER USERS.** The Principal Investigator must start the LOI or Application. However, once an application is begun, access for application submittal can be given to other users, such as collaborators, assistants, or grants and contracts staff.
4. **SAVE.** Applicants do not need to complete the LOI/Application in one session; a partially completed application can be saved and completed at any time prior to the deadline.
5. **NOTIFICATION OF LOI APPROVAL.** The system will notify you when the LOI has been approved, and you will be asked to login to the ProposalCentral website to access and submit the full application by the application deadline.
6. **VALIDATE.** Applications that have not been validated cannot be submitted. "Validate" checks for required items and attachments, and you will not be able to submit if required items and/or attachments are missing.
7. **SUBMIT.** After successfully passing the validate check and providing the required E-signatures, click the "Submit" link. An email will confirm your submission. Once your application is submitted, you may view it by accessing the "Submitted" proposal status under the "Proposals" tab.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure and verify that the application is received by the deadline date, before 5 p.m. EST and that the application is complete and correct prior to submission.

Instructions for Submitting Deliverables

The ProposalCentral system is designed to collect and manage all grant information. Grantees must keep their ProposalCentral profile current for the duration of the grant. ProposalCentral should be used to upload all required reports (deliverables) and publications related to the grant. Report templates and deadlines can be found on the site, as well. Grantees may provide access to others at their institution (e.g. grants officers) to access and upload deliverables.

See “Instructions for Navigating Your Awarded Grant” at https://docs.proposalcentral.com/Instructions_Award_Info.pdf for more information.

Uploading Award Deliverables

1. Login to ProposalCentral under the “Applicant Login” section:
<https://proposalcentral.com/>.
2. Click the “Awards” tab.
3. Click the blue Identifier number link.
4. Click the blue “Deliverables” link.
5. On this page you will see a table which lists all of the deliverables that are scheduled for your grant. The templates for these deliverables are at the bottom of this page.
6. To upload completed deliverables, click the blue “Upload” link next to the appropriate deliverable. If you have a pop-up blocker turned on, make sure you disable it for this site as the deliverable upload feature is a pop-up.
7. In the deliverable pop-up window, click the “Browse” button to select the file. You can add a description in the "Deliverable Description" if you choose. When finished, click the “Save” button, and it will upload your deliverable.
 - When completing the Publications Webform, click the blue plus icon to enter information on publications related to your SBF award
 - If there are no publications to report, click the “No publications to report” checkbox.
 - When completing the Budget Webform, click the blue plus icon to be able to enter your expenses in the Expenditure column on the right
 - Please note, only contacts who have Administrative and/or Edit access to the award are able to electronically sign and submit this webform. If there are others who may need to sign and submit the budget, please let us know so we can grant them access to do so.
 - Instructions on using the budget webform can be found at the ProposalCentral link, starting at the bottom of Page 11:
https://docs.proposalcentral.com/Instructions_Award_Info.pdf

Useful Resources for ProposalCentral

- How to register your institution (grants and contracts personnel only):
<https://docs.proposalcentral.com/RegInst.pdf>
- How to register as a ProposalCentral user:
<https://docs.proposalcentral.com/RegUser.pdf>
- How to create an application using ProposalCentral:
<https://docs.proposalcentral.com/CreateApp.pdf>
- Grantee instructions to access award information:
https://docs.proposalcentral.com/Instructions_Award_Info.pdf

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