



**2020 CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, Inc.
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Scientific Advisory Board**

CHARGE Syndrome Foundation Research Grants Program:

The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) announces the availability of research grants of up to \$50,000. The purpose of these grants is to promote:

- a) new biomedical research into the etiology, genetic and molecular mechanisms and treatment of CHARGE syndrome or
- b) new research into clinical and medical diagnosis and treatment of CHARGE syndrome.

Both established and new investigators are encouraged to apply. Proposals are for funding from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and may be in any area of basic, clinical, translational or epidemiological research. Preference will be given to investigators who are new to CHARGE research and/or to new projects with clear potential to lead to future funding from other agencies.

Application timetable:

Deadline: 07/01/2020

Notification: 10/01/2020

Grant funds will be available: October 1, 2020

Application process:

All applications should be submitted by email to the Foundation at david@chargesyndrome.org.

Proposals should be for one year of support, with requested funding of up to \$50,000 per award. Each proposal will be peer reviewed by or at the direction of the Scientific Advisory Board of the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation.

Review criteria will include:

- scientific and/or clinical merit
- feasibility
- likelihood of future funding from other sources
- innovation
- collaboration with other researchers
- relevance to CHARGE syndrome

Funds may not be used for faculty salaries, travel expenses or equipment. Indirect costs are allowed up to 10% of the total grant.

Grant proposals should include:

- Title of project and amount requested
- Type of investigator (new vs. established)
- Type of grant mechanism (basic science, clinical-translational, pilot award)
- Abstract (250 words)
- Proposal Narrative (PDF format)

The proposal should be organized as follows:

- Specific Aims.
- Rationale, motivation, and preliminary findings.
- Research plan explicitly tied to Specific Aims.
- References

Note that the proposal should be no longer than 5 pages maximum, single spaced (0.5-inch margins), 11-point Arial font, including all text and tables. References are not included in the 5-page limit.

- Budget with detailed justification (1 page maximum).
- NIH formatted biosketch (limited to 5 pages) for each investigator

Grant conditions:

As a condition of accepting funds from the Foundation, applicants must agree to the following conditions:

- Acknowledge funding provided by the Foundation in any publications or presentations of the research.
- Make published results available to the Foundation for distribution.
- Be available to attend a Foundation conference to present the findings.
- Become members of the Foundation (**\$30 cost**).
- Make publicly available all reagents, resources, and data generated with the grants.
- Produce proof of how the grant funds were spent upon request of the Foundation.