2026 CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, Inc.
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CHARGE Syndrome Foundation Research Grant Program:

Opens October 1, 2026

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) Promote clinical research on the medical diagnosis, treatment, intervention, prevention, and support of individuals with medical, health, and behavioral issues, and their families.

Both established and new investigators are encouraged to apply. Proposals are for funding from April 1, 2027 to March 31, 2028 and may be in any area of basic, clinical, translational or epidemiological research. All proposals will be peer reviewed. Preference will be given to investigators who have not previously received funding from the Foundation.

Application timetable:

Opening: 10/1/2026
Deadline: 12/15/2026
Grants will be available: 4/1/2027

Application process:

All applications should be submitted by email to the Foundation at Research@CHARGEsyndrome.org.

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 (PDF format) should include:

- Title of project
- Amount requested
- Type of investigator (new vs. established)
- Type of grant mechanism (basic science, clinical, translational, pilot award)
- Abstract (250 words)
- Proposal narrative

The proposal should be organized as follows:

- Scientific/Clinical aims.
- Rationale, motivation, and preliminary findings.
- Research plan explicitly tied to Scientific/Clinical 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.

Proposals should also include:

- 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.