

CureAccelerator® Live! – Request for Proposals Instructions for Principal Investigators

Thank you for your interest in submitting a repurposing research clinical trial Proposal in response to our CureAccelerator Live! Request for Proposals (RFP). Submitted Proposals will undergo a scientific review involving internal, external and/or Science Advisory Board reviewers, and up to five finalists will be selected to present their Proposals at the CureAccelerator Live! event. At least one Proposal will be selected for funding at the event.

Cures Within Reach usually has a two-stage application process: a Proposal phase, followed by a Full Grant stage. Proposals typically have fewer scientific details than Full Grants. However, there is no Full Grant stage for the CureAccelerator Live! RFP. Therefore, **we require PIs responding to a CureAccelerator Live! RFP to provide a higher level of scientific detail in their Proposals.**

Proposals submissions should provide an overview of the proposed research idea, experimental plan and specific aims/outcome measures. PIs also should describe the repurposing and patient impact of the proposed research. Cost effectiveness, speed and patient impact are key ranking criteria for a successful Proposal submission.

PIs are asked to complete a number of fields about the proposed treatment, research plan, budget, disease background and other topics. Blue boxes on the right hand side of the page will provide additional information about the fields. Each field is designated as “Required” or “Optional.” You will not be able to submit your Proposal until all the required fields are completed. A thorough proposal submission should take between 2-3 hours to complete.

If you have questions about any your Proposal submission, email us at info@cureaccelerator.org.

KEY PROPOSAL REVIEW CRITERIA:

- Innovation in the repurposing arena
- Feasibility of the research plan
- Relevancy to the disease and / or patient population
- Investigator and environment
- Potential clinical impact (speed, cost, safety, effectiveness)
- Return on investment (how much “bang” will each research “buck” bring?)

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR SOME OF KEY PROPOSAL SECTIONS:

While there are no formal limits to the number of words or characters for any of the Proposal fields, we do have recommended limits for some key fields:

- **Public Abstract (suggested 250 words max)** – An overview of your project written in non-scientific terms. This should be understandable to readers from a variety of backgrounds, and will be publically available on CureAccelerator.
- **Research Description (suggested 2,500 words max)** – Background support for your project, what you plan to accomplish during the funding period and the potential impact of your proposed research. Provide enough details for reviewers to understand your experimental plan. Topics to address in this section include:
 - What is the scientific and clinical support for this clinical trial?
 - What unmet medical need will be addressed and what repurposed therapy will be used to address this need?
 - What is the potential scientific/medical impact?
 - What is your research plan / experimental design?
 - What are the top three specific aims of this research?
 - What are the top three key measureable outcomes, and the metrics you plan to use to determine success, for this research?
 - What are your plans for the next steps for this research after the funding period?
 - What will you do for funding and other support when you reach the research objectives under the current grant?
- **Disease Background (suggested 250 words max)** – A description of the current state of the disease being studied, including number of patients affected, typical patient outcome / survival, current treatment options and limitations of current treatment options. You will be able to provide more detail on these topics in later fields.
- **Expected Health Impact on Patients (suggested 500 words max)** – A description of the potential patient impact of the proposed research, including the potential speed to patients, cost, safety and effectiveness of the repurposed treatment. Provide enough details for reviewers to understand the potential patient impact of the proposed research.

IMPORTANT FUNDING DEFINITIONS AND GUIDELINES:

For Proposal submissions from PIs at institutions and organizations located in **high and upper-middle income countries** (as defined by the World Bank; see <http://bit.ly/worldbankcountrybyincome>), Cures Within Reach will provide up to 80% of the requested project funding, and the institution proposing the research will match at least 20% of the requested project funding. For example, if the requested project funding is \$50,000, Cures Within Reach will provide 80% or \$40,000 and the institution will match 20% or \$10,000.

For Proposal submissions from PIs at institutions in **low and lower-middle income countries** (as defined by the World Bank; see <http://bit.ly/worldbankcountrybyincome>), the institutional 20% funding match may be waived. Please contact us at info@cureaccelerator.org if you have any questions of funding or the institutional match requirement.

Funding Definitions:

- Project Funding = total research budget (no set maximum)
- Remaining Project Funding = funding needed to reach the total research budget (no set maximum)
- Existing Project Funding = Project Funding minus Remaining Project Funding (no set maximum)
- Requested Project Funding = funding requested through this RFP (maximum = \$50,000, including the 20% institutional match)
- Budget Breakdown = breakdown of the Requested Project Funding (maximum total = \$50,000, including 20% institutional match)
- Estimated Overall Project Costs = Requested Project Funding (see above)

Funding Guidelines:

Cures Within Reach will accept REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING amounts that are within the minimum and maximum amounts indicated. We do not set an upper limit to the PROJECT FUNDING, or the EXISTING PROJECT FUNDING, but REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING amounts to Cures Within Reach are limited to the maximum amount specified in the Funding Information section below. Proposals may be submitted for which the PROJECT FUNDING is within the Cures Within Reach maximum, and for projects that already have EXISTING PROJECT FUNDING from another source and require REMAINING PROJECT FUNDING, when this additional funding from Cures Within Reach will help speed patient impact.

Cures Within Reach REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING must be sole, late or final funding for the project. REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING from Cures Within Reach cannot be the first funding raised for a project, unless the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING, including any applicable 20% match from the institution, organization or company proposing the research, equals the PROJECT FUNDING.

REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING cannot be used for any indirect costs, although up to 10% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING can be used to cover direct project administrative costs. All funding amounts and requests are in US dollars.

Here are several examples of funding requests to help investigators and institutions understand the funding opportunity. The examples below include the 20% institutional match.

Example A: The maximum funding request to CWR is \$50,000. The PI enters \$40,000 for REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING and for ESTIMATED OVERALL PROJECT COSTS in the BUDGET BREAKDOWN, which equals the PROJECT FUNDING. CWR approves this project, and will provide \$32,000 (80% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING) and the investigator/institution will match the remaining \$8,000 of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING.

Example B: The maximum funding request to CWR is \$50,000. The PI enters \$50,000 for REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING and for ESTIMATED OVERALL PROJECT COSTS in the BUDGET BREAKDOWN, which equals the PROJECT FUNDING. CWR approves this project, and will provide \$40,000 (80% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING) and the investigator/institution will match the remaining \$10,000 of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING.

Example C: The maximum funding request to CWR is \$50,000. The PI enters \$50,000 for REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING and for ESTIMATED OVERALL PROJECT COSTS in the BUDGET BREAKDOWN, which will cover one-third of the \$150,000 entered for PROJECT FUNDING. The other \$100,000 is entered for EXISTING PROJECT FUNDING, and has already been secured by the investigator and institution. CWR approves this project, and will provide \$40,000 (80% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING) and the investigator/institution will match the remaining \$10,000 of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING and provide the \$100,000 of the EXISTING PROJECT FUNDING.