

Colorectal Cancer Prevention Grant Guidelines

Email ryarden@ccalliance.org (<mailto:ryarden@ccalliance.org>) ([mailto:Youngonset colorectal cancer grant inquiry](mailto:Youngonset@ccalliance.org)) to be added to our notification list for information about future cycles.

Introduction and background

Founded in 1999, the Colorectal Cancer Alliance is a U.S. 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower a nation of advocates who work with us to offer support for patients, raise awareness of preventative measures, and inspire efforts to fund critical research. In honor of the late Christine Sapienza, and for all the families who are affected by colorectal cancer, the Chris4Life Research Program was established in 2010. The Alliance is committed to investing \$10 million in critical research by 2021, including \$3 million specifically to young-onset colorectal cancer research.

PREVENTION PROGRAM SUMMARY (2018-2019)

Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men and women in the United States. Approximately 140,250 new cases will be diagnosed and 50,630 Americans will die of this disease in 2018. Colorectal cancer incidence rate and mortality rate have been declining in both men and women for several decades. It is believed that the reason for this downward trend is due largely to prevention and early detection of colorectal cancer through screening. Given colorectal cancer's preventative potential, the Colorectal Cancer Alliance Chris4Life peer-review grants program is committed to support ground-breaking prevention research to fulfil its mission to end the disease in our lifetime.

The Colorectal Cancer Alliance Chris4Life Research program will award one grant in colorectal cancer prevention in May 2019. Grant proposals must demonstrate substantial potential for impact on prevention/early detection of colorectal cancer.

Primary prevention focuses on efforts to prevent colorectal cancer before it ever occurs, and secondary prevention focuses on efforts to reduce the impact of disease that has already occurred such as early detection. Proposals in the following categories are welcomed as long as there is a direct link to primary or secondary colorectal cancer prevention.



- Translational
- Clinical
- Population science

[DONATE \(/DONATE\)](#)

Focus could be but is not limited to one or all of the following areas:

- Screening
- Risk factors
- Biomarkers
- Carcinogenesis
- High risk populations
- Early diagnosis

One grant in the amount of \$150,000 will be awarded over a two-year period to support colorectal cancer prevention research. Proposals with more than 25% of the Principal Investigator's salary covered in the budget will not be eligible. Funds may be designated for non-personnel expenses, such as research/laboratory supplies, software, equipment, publication charges for manuscripts that pertain directly to the funded project (second year only), and other research expenses.

[APPLY \(HTTPS://CCALLIANCE.TFAFORMS.NET/68\)](https://ccalliance.tfaforms.net/68)

	<u>Who can apply</u>
	<u>Important information for applicants</u>
	<u>Policy on tobacco-industry funding and conflicts of interest</u>

Application Policies

AWARD AMOUNT

The grant will be awarded for two years for a total of \$150,000. The grant will be paid in three installments:

- The first installment of \$62,000 to be paid at the inception of the research project.
- The second installment of \$62,000 will be paid after satisfactory review of the interim progress report. An interim progress report, personal statement and financial statement are due one month prior to the end of year one. The second year of funding is contingent upon a satisfactory year-one progress report. Should the principal investigator not meet the criteria set forth in his/or her application, funding for the second year will NOT be granted.
- The final installment of \$26,000 will be paid after the satisfactory review of the final progress report.



[DONATE \(/DONATE\)](#)

The goal of the Colorectal Cancer Alliance’s Chris4Life Research Program is to provide funding for *innovative projects* expected to lead to future funding from other peer-reviewed sources. Therefore, grants are non-renewable.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2018-2019 cycle. The submission deadline is 11:59 PM Eastern U.S. time Monday, March 18, 2019.

Components	Application Copies
Purpose	Applicants must mail a signed hard copy of the application in addition to the submission of the online application
Page or Character Limit	N/A
Components	Font Size and Type
Purpose	Application should be typed in no smaller than 11-point font size in Arial or Times New Roman. Applications with smaller fonts will be disqualified.
Page or Character Limit	N/A
Components	Margins
Purpose	Margins should be no more or less then .5" on the right and left and top and bottom. Margins that don't meet this specification will be automatically disqualified.
Page or Character Limit	N/A
Components	Tables



[DONATE \(/DONATE\)](#)

Page or Character Limit	N/A
Components	Document Header
Purpose	The Principal Investigator's name and project title should be included in a header on the right side of each page.
Page or Character Limit	N/A
Components	Layperson's Summary
Purpose	Explain research proposal in layperson terms/language. State how the work is significant to colorectal cancer prevention. It should also demonstrate that the researcher has a clear grasp of the project's significance to colorectal cancer prevention.
Page or Character Limit	No more than 2,000 characters
Components	Technical Abstract
Purpose	Scientific abstract suitable for a technical audience.
Page or Character Limit	No more than 2,000 characters
Components	Specific Aims
Purpose	Should state the goals, objectives and relevance to colorectal cancer prevention.

Page or Character 1 single-sided page limit



[DONATE \(/DONATE\)](#)

Components	Research Plan
Purpose	Statement of the significance of the proposed project with respect to colorectal cancer prevention and a statement of the problem or need that will be addressed by the proposed project. Statement of the methodology to be used in achieving the specific aims, including an adequate statistical analysis as well as a plan for how the research will be evaluated.
Page or Character Limit	6 page, single-sided limit
Components	Timetable
Purpose	A timetable, which shows the implementation and completion of the proposed project within the two-year time frame.
Page or Character Limit	1 single-sided page limit
Components	Biographical Sketch
Purpose	Principal Investigator and all key personnel require a biosketch in NIH format.
Page or Character Limit	Up to 5 single-sided pages per person.
Components	Grant Budget
Purpose	Budget for the proposed direct costs for the research project. Indirect costs will not be covered.



[DONATE \(/DONATE\)](#)

Limit	
Components	Budget Justification
Purpose	Budget justification for the proposed direct costs for the research project. Indirect costs will not be covered.
Page or Character Limit	1 page per year (2 page limit)
Components	Appendix
Purpose	The appendix should include the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · List of literature cited · Letters of support · Letters of collaboration · Statement of Tobacco Compliance with the Tobacco Policy
Page or Character Limit	No page limit
Components	Certification for Human Subjects
Purpose	If activities involving human subjects are planned at any time during the proposed project period, you must submit a letter of approval from your Institutional Review Board (IRB). Letters of approval are not required at the time of application. If you receive a notification of award from the Colorectal Cancer Alliance, you must verify IRB approval within 90 days after the award notification. If verification of IRB approval is not received within 90 days after the



Page or Character Limit	N/A
Components	Certification for Vertebrate Animals
Purpose	If activities involving vertebrate animals are planned at any time during the proposed project period, you must submit a letter of approval by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Letters of approval are not required at the time of application. If you receive a notification of award from the Colorectal Cancer Alliance, you must verify IACUC approval within 60 days after the award notification. If verification of IACUC approval is not received within 60 days after the award notification, the application will be considered incomplete and any money awarded will need to be returned.
Page or Character Limit	N/A
Components	Colorectal Cancer Alliance Statement of Compliance with Tobacco Policy
Purpose	The grant applicant must sign the Colorectal Cancer Alliance Statement of Compliance with Tobacco Policy that he/she (and his/her mentor) does not accept tobacco-industry funding, as outlined in the application information. The application will be considered incomplete if the signed statement is not included with both electronic and hard copy applications. See agreement at the end of the grant application. Please sign and date and return with hard copy application.
Page or Character Limit	N/A
Components	Application Fee



Purpose:

The application fee is \$25.00 in addition to a \$2.50 processing fee, which must be paid with a credit card. You will be asked to make a credit card payment at the end of the electronic application process. **This fee is non-refundable.**

[DONATE \(/DONATE\)](#)

Page or Character Limit N/A

[APPLY \(HTTPS://CCALLIANCE.TFAFORMS.NET/68\)](https://ccalliance.tfaforms.net/68)

Grant review criteria

Grants are evaluated by an independent Scientific Review Panel according to a peer-review process similar to that of the National Institutes of Health. However, the Colorectal Cancer Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which is supported by the general public.

Proposals not meeting the Alliance's funding guidelines will not be considered by the panel.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

- All applications are reviewed for their completeness and compliance with the guidelines. Any incomplete application or non-compliant with stated guidelines will be disqualified.
- The Scientific Review Panel co-chairs will determine if an application does not qualify if it does not meet the criteria outlined in the program summary.

SCIENTIFIC REVIEW CRITERIA

A criteria score on a scale of 1-5 will be given by the Scientific Review Panel according to the following criteria:

- Clarity of specific aims and significance to colorectal cancer prevention
- Quality of the institutional research environment
- Study design and methodology
- Relevance of supporting data
- Competence of Principal Investigator and supporting personnel
- Appropriateness of project size to resources and timeline
- Budget

A final grade based on a score of 1-5 will be determined by the following:

- Does this project contribute significantly to the field of colorectal cancer?
- Do these results significantly improve the application of knowledge and its impact on colorectal cancer prevention?
- Will these data stimulate further scientific research into colorectal cancer prevention?
- Potential for future impact on the field, given the innovative nature of the project.
- If incorporated into public health policy, will this new knowledge make a useful contribution to the above area within the field of colorectal cancer prevention.

Post-award requirements

All grant recipients must adhere to the following requirements.

YEARLY REPORTING

- 1) An interim progress report, personal statement and financial statement are **due one month prior to the end of year one**. The second year of funding is contingent upon a satisfactory year-one progress report.
 - 2) A final progress report, personal statement and cumulative financial report are **due three months after the end of year two**. The final report must include the remaining month of year one through the project end date. The final quarterly payment of a research award will not be made until the Colorectal Cancer Alliance has received all required year-two reports.
- **Progress Report (3-6 pages)** Summarize the main focus of your research and clearly state your findings. Specify how the research results met the objectives established in your application. This report should include but is not limited to answering the following questions: Did you meet all of the goals you set out to achieve? If not, why not? What is the impact of your research on the current understanding of the rising trends associated with young-onset colorectal cancer? What further research remains to be done?
 - **Personal Statement (1-3 pages in lay-friendly language)** How has the funding provided by the Colorectal Cancer Alliance helped your overall professional growth (e.g., journal submissions, career opportunities, new research focus)? Has this grant led to other funding opportunities? Have you had the opportunity to report your findings at professional meetings?
 - **Financial Statement** Give a breakdown by category (i.e., personnel, supplies, etc.) of how the Alliance's funds were utilized. This document should be filed by the University's Office of Research Administration or other comparable source. You may use your institutions' template for this and must be signed by the designated official in order to have a completed report.
 - **Publication of Award** The awarded grant must be publicized by the recipient institution, either in its own publications (student newspaper, alumni newsletter, institutional magazine, etc.) or in a local newspaper, with attribution to the Colorectal Cancer Alliance. Please forward copies of these news articles to the Colorectal Cancer Alliance's Research Department upon publication. Recipients should also send a reprint of all research published as a result of their Colorectal Cancer Alliance award.
 - **Peer-Reviewed Publications** All publications, presentations, project materials, etc., must acknowledge the Colorectal Cancer Alliance's support of the project by displaying the statement, "This project is supported by the Colorectal Cancer Alliance." The recipient must also send a reprint of all research published as a result of his/her Colorectal Cancer Alliance award.
 - **Authorization** Funding of a proposal authorizes the Colorectal Cancer Alliance to use the applicant's name and proposal in soliciting contributions to fund its cancer research and educational programs. The awarded proposals may be featured on the Colorectal Cancer Alliance website, blog, annual report and other publications. Awardees should expect to answer additional questions regarding their work periodically throughout the



- two-year period to support future funding of the Colorectal Cancer Alliance's cancer research and educational programs.
- **Participation in Colorectal Cancer Alliance National Conference** Grant recipients will be required to attend the Colorectal Cancer Alliance's National Conference to present their funded work and any results associated with the project. [DONATE \(/DONATE\)](#)

Photo submission and photo release

The recipient must provide a hi-res photo (300 dpi, 1 MB) for use on the Colorectal Cancer Alliance website, blog and publications. If the recipient does not have a hi-res photo, the recipient must provide contact information for a staff person in the university press office. See acceptance agreement for details. Please sign and return a photo release form along with the signed Acceptance Agreement. The awarded proposals will be featured on the Colorectal Cancer Alliance website, social media accounts and blog.

No-cost extensions

In the event that a project cannot be completed within the two-year time line granted by the Colorectal Cancer Alliance, a request for one six-month, no-cost extension must be submitted to the Research Department at least two months prior to the project end date.

Final payment policy

The Colorectal Cancer Alliance will hold the final payment of all awarded grants and until receipt of the final progress report, personal statement and cumulative, signed financial statement. If these reports are not received within 6 months of the project end date (including no-cost extension end date), the Alliance will withdraw the final payment; no payment will be made.

Sunshine Act

Physicians who receive grant funding may be required to sign the Sunshine Act Physician Payment Information Form.



Call our Helpline (877) 422-2030 (tel:1-877-422-2030).
DEC 27 NEWS
A letter from Angelina's
2018 colorectal cancer alliance
news/get-involved/a-letter-from-angelinas-best-friends
angelinas-best-friends)

DEC 19 NEWS
Español (Español) Get Updates Shop (/shop).
Alliance Releases 2018
Young-Onset Colorectal Cancer Survey Report
(/news/press-releases/alliance-releases-2018-young-onset-colorectal-cancer-survey-report)

Events (/events) Contact Us (/about/co
FEB 10 2019 EVENTS
DONATE (/DONATE)
2019 Tampa Bay Undy RunWalk
(/events/2019-tampa-undy-runwalk)

Stay informed with email updates.

SUBSCRIBE

Call Our Helpline at **(877) 422-2030 (tel:1-877-422-2030)**

THE ALLIANCE SOCIAL STREAM

CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

[\(/www.facebook.com/ColorectalCancerAlli](http://www.facebook.com/ColorectalCancerAlli)

[\(/www.instagram.com/colorectalcanceralli](http://www.instagram.com/colorectalcanceralli)



[\(/www.linkedin.com/company/colon-cancer-alliance/\)](http://www.linkedin.com/company/colon-cancer-alliance/)

[\(/plus.google.com/11110489299529496508](http://plus.google.com/11110489299529496508)



[\(/twitter.com/ccalliance\)](http://twitter.com/ccalliance)



[\(/www.youtube.com/channel/UChk_2XJ0-AcqeSfvyBrAANA\)](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UChk_2XJ0-AcqeSfvyBrAANA)



1025 Vermont Ave NW Suite 1066 Washington, DC 20005
(202) 628-0123 (tel:1-202-628-0123) Toll-free Helpline: (877) 422-2030 (tel:1-877-422-2030)
© Copyright - Colorectal Cancer Alliance 2019 501(c)(3)
[Disclaimer \(/disclaimer\)](#) [Privacy Policy \(/privacy-policy\)](#) [Sitemap](#)

