

Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center
ANNOUNCEMENT

A Request for Pilot Project Proposals for the Heroes Foundation Team JOEY Pediatric Cancer Research program

IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center Office of Gift Development is inviting proposals for the ***Heroes Foundation Team JOEY Pediatric Cancer Research program***. **Bringing joy and supporting research and advocacy for Indiana's youngest cancer patients, the Heroes Foundation Team JOEY Program honors the memory of Joey Keller, who fought with a spirit and attitude that amazed and inspired family, friends and even caregivers** <https://www.heroesfoundation.org/>. Heroes Foundation would like to support pediatric cancer research designed to prevent, diagnose, treat, and/or beat cancer.

We anticipate the Heroes Foundation Team JOEY award will be approximately \$10k per year over a three-year period. The principal investigator must be an IUSCCC faculty member who holds the academic rank of: Assistant Professor, Research Assistant Professor, Assistant Scientist, Associate Research Professor, or Research Scientist. Current post-docs and residents/fellows are also eligible, provided they will have a full-time faculty appointment at the academic rank listed above and will be an IUSCCC member at the time of funding award.

Notification of Intent can be submitted without Cancer Center membership approval; however, membership approval must be received by the time of award (December 15th). To apply for Cancer Center membership, investigators will need to fill out an application via [this link](#) and must do so by October 17th, 2025. Please note that membership is not guaranteed; applicants must meet membership criteria as outlined on the website. Applications are reviewed by Cancer Center leadership and the investigator will be notified of member status ~3-4 weeks after application submission.

Those interested in applying **must submit a Notification of Intent to Apply by October 1, 2025, by 5:00pm** with the following information:

- Your name, the names of all collaborators/team members, and a draft title for your proposal.
- Please send this information in an email to Vicki Clements at cancrfa@iu.edu.

Applications will be completed via WebCAMP. A link to the application will be sent after an applicant's Notice of Intent has been approved. Final applications are due by **October 17th, 2025, at 5pm. The deadline is firm, and no extension will be granted.**

Details for submitting a full application: please submit a one-page lay language summary detailing a pilot project idea (i.e. what you might use the funds for), including your short-term goal(s) for the project pilot and the future impact your work could have on the pediatric cancer research field.

The top applications will be reviewed by cancer center leadership and the awardee will be chosen by the Heroes Foundation.

Post Award Requirements: This is a philanthropic gift. Awardees are asked to provide a brief annual update to the IUSCCC Development team to share with the Heroes Foundation. Awardees are required to report any publications and grants submitted and/or funded as a result of

this pilot award to the Cancer Center. Additionally, during the active project period, PIs are required to serve as a reviewer for at least one IUSCCC pilot funding mechanism.

The timetable is:

Notice of intent to apply:	October 1st, 2025, by 5pm
Apply for Cancer Center Membership:	October 17th, 2025
Completed application:	October 17th, 2025, by 5pm

For questions about this funding mechanism, please reach out to: Vicki Clements, Project Management Specialist at cancrfa@iu.edu.