

**CFRI Early Career Physician-Scientist
Development Program Grant Application**

FACE SHEET

Application Due Date: June 1, 2026 | Project Start Date: July 1, 2026

Project Title:

Do not exceed 56 characters with spaces

Investigator Information:

Printed Name

E-mail Address

Telephone

Position

Department and Division

Investigator (Signature)

The applicant's mentor must sign the following statement: "I have read this application and can attest that it was written by the applicant. I will act as an advisor to the applicant if the proposal is funded."

Mentor (Print Name)

Mentor (Signature)

Division Chief (Print Name)

Division Chief (Signature)

Terri Finkel, MD, PhD (Signature)
UTHSC Pediatrics Department

Dennis Black, MD (Signature)
CFRI Scientific Director and Vice Chair for Research

Date Submitted

Proposed Budget

Total budget must not exceed \$60,000 (\$30,000 for PI salary support and \$30,000 for technical personnel, supplies and equipment)

A. Technical Personnel (salary plus fringe benefits) **Category Total**
\$ _____

B. Equipment \$ _____

C. Consumable Supplies: (Group in major categories) \$ _____

Description	Amt
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

D. Other Expenses: (List specific amount for each item) \$ _____

Description	Amt
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

E. Grand Total: \$ _____

Budget Justification

All budget items must be justified. Special justification is necessary for equipment costing more than \$2,500. Use additional pages if needed.

Research Support

List all current and pending sources of research support for all investigators and co-investigators for the past five (5) years, including Le Bonheur/CFRI Grants:

A. Principal Investigator

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B. Mentor

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C. Co-Investigator

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Personnel

List names of all personnel indicating percent effort on project.

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Study Abstract

Enter an abstract for the study. Limit to 250 words.

Description of the Study

Describe the study in no more than six (6) pages, excluding the bibliography and consent form draft. If this is a revised grant, you may include a one-page Introduction summarizing your responses to the previous review. This introduction will not count toward the six-page limit.

To include in the six pages:

Hypothesis and Specific Aims (one half page)

Background and Significance

Experimental Approach and Methods (include a timetable indicating when various parts of the study will be completed)

Expected Outcomes and Data Analysis, as well as potential pitfalls and alternative approaches

Bibliography (no page limit)

Consent form draft for human research (no page limit)

Biographical Sketch

Use current NIH form. Include biosketches for PI, mentor(s), and all key personnel. [Click here](#) for information about the NIH's Common Form biosketch format.