



Child Health Research Awards Program

The Charles H. Hood Foundation was incorporated in 1942 to improve the health and quality of life for children throughout New England. Today's research projects encompass many disciplines that have contributed to discoveries in pediatric medicine while launching the careers of promising junior faculty. The intent of the Award is to support newly **independent faculty**, provide the opportunity to demonstrate creativity, and assist in the transition to other sources of funding. **Research projects must have direct relevance to child health.**

IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR 2026: Revised Application Process

- New this cycle, we are moving to a 2-stage application process.
- Concept Papers will be due in April, then Full Proposals *by invitation only* will be due in July, for funding to begin in September.

Online Application Deadline (Concept Paper)

- Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 12:00 Noon, Eastern Time

Application Materials

- Please visit <https://charleshoodfoundation.org/research-grants/apply-child-health-grant/> for full guidelines, instructions, and frequently asked questions.

Funding Period and Award Amount

- September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2028
- Up to five **\$200,000 awards** (at \$100,000 per year, inclusive of 10% institutional overhead)

Applicant, Project, and Geographic Eligibility

- Open to PhD-scientists within five years and physician-scientists within seven years of employment following conclusion of training
- Applicants must hold faculty appointments at nonprofit academic, medical, or research institutions in New England *and* lead independent research programs
- Research must have direct relevance to child health
- Projects must be hypothesis-driven and may include basic laboratory science, clinical investigation, public health, health services research, and epidemiology
- *Complete eligibility requirements are detailed in the Concept Paper Guidelines and FAQs*

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