

Rolfe Pancreatic Cancer Foundation

Research Grant Application Guidelines

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About the Foundation

Rolfe Pancreatic Cancer Foundation is committed to advancing the fight against pancreatic cancer through research, patient support, and public awareness. We operate on a collaborative partnership model designed to create meaningful relationships that best serve patients, families, and the research community.

Our Mission

Rolfe Foundation's mission encompasses several synergistic goals:

- To financially support research enabling early detection of pancreatic cancer
- To financially support research that increases and improves effective treatment methods
- To provide patients and families with information, community, referrals, guidance, and emotional support
- To raise public awareness of pancreatic cancer, including risk factors, symptoms, genetic testing, and family history

Research Grant Focus Areas

We welcome proposals that align with our mission, with particular interest in:

- Early detection methodologies and technologies
- Improved treatment approaches and therapeutic interventions
- Translational research with potential for clinical application
- Patient-centered research improving quality of life during treatment

2026 Grant Cycle Timeline

Milestone	Date
Application Submission Deadline	January 30, 2027
Proposal Review Period	February 15, 2027 – March 1, 2027
Funding Decisions Announced	March 15, 2027
Grant Funds Dispersed	March 15–30, 2027

Note: Rolfe Foundation may contact you during the review period for additional information, clarification, or supporting documents. Please respond promptly to facilitate timely review.

Application Requirements

Please submit a comprehensive proposal including the following elements:

1. Institution or Entity Name

- a. Full legal name of your research institution, university, medical center, or organization

2. Project Title

- a. Concise, descriptive title for your research project

3. Principal Investigator & Research Team

- a. Names, titles, academic positions, and relevant qualifications of the Principal Investigator and all key personnel. Include CVs or biosketches highlighting relevant experience in pancreatic cancer research.

4. Project Description

- a. Detailed narrative including:
 - i. Scientific background and rationale
 - ii. Specific aims and objectives
 - iii. Research methodology and experimental design
 - iv. Expected outcomes and significance
 - v. Timeline with key milestones
 - vi. Assessment methods and success metrics

5. Project Timeline

- a. Start and end dates for the research period, including major phases and milestone dates

6. Budget and Financial Request

- a. Itemized budget detailing:
 - i. Total project cost
 - ii. Amount requested from Rolfe Foundation
 - iii. Other funding sources (committed or pending)
 - iv. Budget justification for major expense categories
 - v. Institutional overhead/indirect costs

Grant Recipient Expectations

Rolfe Foundation values ongoing partnership with our grant recipients. We request the following:

Semi-Annual Progress Reports (Required)

Please submit brief progress updates in May and November 2026 including:

- Research activities and accomplishments during the reporting period
- Challenges encountered and solutions implemented
- Preliminary results or findings (if applicable)
- Budget expenditure status
- Any modifications to timeline or methodology

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Community Engagement (Optional but Encouraged)

As a member of our community we would hope you would participate in Rolfe Foundation awareness and fundraising initiatives through:

- Brief video updates or interviews about your research (on mutually agreed schedule)
- Written summaries for donor communications and social media
- Presentations at Rolfe Foundation events (virtual or in-person)

All requests will be made on a mutually convenient basis. We value open communication and are happy to meet with grant applicants throughout the grant period.

Event Attendance or Sponsorship (Optional but Appreciated)

We hope you or your institutional representatives can attend a Rolfe Foundation event during your grant period. If attendance is not possible, we would appreciate your support through financial or in-kind sponsorship.

How to Apply

Submission Format

Please submit your complete application as a single PDF document to:

Email: grants@rolfefoundation.org

Subject Line: 2026 Research Grant Application – [Your Institution Name]

Required File Naming Convention

RolfeGrant2026_[Institution]_[PI Last Name].pdf

Example: RolfeGrant2026_JohnsHopkins_Smith.pdf

Confirmation of Receipt

You will receive an email confirmation within 2 business days. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact us immediately at grants@rolfefoundation.org

Questions & Contact Information

We welcome inquiries about the grant program and are happy to discuss potential projects before submission.

Stacia Hart, Executive Director

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Thank you for your commitment to pancreatic cancer research. We look forward to partnering with you in the fight against pancreatic cancer.

