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A nationwide 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to Making It Better for kids with Osteosarcoma, bone cancer.

## **Request for Proposals**

### **2020 MIB Agents OutSmarting Osteosarcoma Grant**

*September 2019*

#### **Introduction:**

MIB Agents is a nationwide 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the mission to Make It Better for children with osteosarcoma, bone cancer. The OutSmarting Osteosarcoma Grant is an annual research grant begun in 2017. Each year a grant of \$100,000 is awarded to a project that will focus on moving research forward for osteosarcoma patients. Proposals may be for a new project or an ongoing larger project for which results can be expected in twelve months. This year, the top three finalists for this grant will be required to present their proposal at FACTOR 2020.

At 12 months, results must be made available to share- regardless of the outcome of the research. The recipient must be available to present work underway and completed at the FACTOR Conference 2021, and may use grant funds for travel and accommodations to FACTOR conference. PI must also provide MIB Agents with a one page layman summary of outcomes to share with the community via website. Grant may not be used for the formation of a new organization, used for planning stages of research, or for any indirect costs.

#### **Eligibility & Requirements:**

1. Research proposed must be focused on osteosarcoma or osteosarcoma patients.
2. MIB Agents OutSmarting Osteosarcoma is granted to the Principal Investigator (PI), if the PI can not complete the work or leaves the institution then all monies need to be returned to MIB Agents.
3. PI must be an MD or MD/PhD whose research is focused on osteosarcoma.
4. Applicants must be based in the United States and research must be focused on projects within the U.S. market.
5. Past winners are permitted to apply, but their proposals must be for a project distinct from their previously funded work.

#### **MIB's Unique Proposal Process:**

#TogetherWeCan and #TogetherWeWill are not just fantastic tags but a philosophy that MIB Agents work to realize. Together, as a community, we will Make It Better. Our community includes researchers, patients, doctors, families and anyone working to Make It Better for osteosarcoma patients everywhere. Therefore, the FACTOR conference and OutSmarting Osteosarcoma Grant is attended and juried by members of the entire

community- scientists, physicians, patients and families. Together We Will move the understanding and treatments of osteosarcoma forward.

#### Timeline:

- **Sept 25, 2019** RFP (Request For Proposals) published
- **Oct 18, 2019** RFP Submission Deadline
- **Oct 25, 2019** RFPs meeting criteria will be distributed to SAT (Scientific Advisory Team) & OutSmartering Team (families and patients that have raised over \$5,000)
- Approximately **Nov 8, 2019** OutSmartering Video/Virtual Meeting to discuss proposals and determine the top three proposals to be presented at FACTOR 2020
- **Nov 26, 2019** Announcement of Finalists
  - Finalists proposals will be available for the public to view on MIB Agent's website and through social media
  - Finalists are required to present their proposal on Feb 28, 2020 at the FACTOR Conference
- **Feb 28, 2020** Presentation of proposal
- **Feb 29, 2020** morning- All FACTOR attendees will vote for the winner of the grant
- **Feb 29, 2020** afternoon- OutSmartering Osteosarcoma grant winner announced.
- **Date TBD** (Spring 2020)- MIB Agents tour the grant winners facility and present check
- **Date TBD 2021**- OutSmartering 2020 winner will present their work to date at FACTOR 2021

#### Specific Application Details:

Application will be submitted online at [www.mibagents.org/outsmartering-osteosarcoma/](http://www.mibagents.org/outsmartering-osteosarcoma/).

Components of application:

- **Contact Information** (PI Name, title, institution, email, phone, and mailing address)
- **Initiative Name, Amount Requested**
- **Desired Impact, Projected Milestones**
- **Uploaded Document**- project abstract in layman's terms (proposal shall not exceed one page, front and back, must be in Microsoft Word format, Calibri font, 12 pp, spacing no less than 1.5, with 1" margins top and bottom. It must include: a) project aims, b) research design, c) expected outcomes, d) research findings, and e) other relevant information for the review.
- **Bibliography** (no limit)
- **Budget Breakdown**- estimated amounts, to nearest \$5,000, in the following categories:
  - *Personnel*- identify specific individuals by name (if possible) and role on project
  - *Supplies*
  - *Equipment-identity*
  - *Other*
- **Brief Bio Sketch** (no more than 1 paragraph)
- **Other Grant Support** (Current, Pending, and Past 3 years)
- **Documentation To Include**-
  - *Copy of Institutional IRS Letter of Determination*
  - *Completed W9 form*