

Criss Heart Center

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FULL APPLICATION	NOTICE OF AWARD	FUNDING
Application Opens September 1, 2026 Submit to: CHRI Submission System Due: November 16, 2026 at 12:00 a.m. (midnight)	Criss Heart Center Leadership will notify each applicant by December 28, 2026 Applicant must accept terms of the grant and follow all CHRI policies. Award letter and executed and signed terms of the grant will be mailed to grantee.	All grants will begin funding on January 1, 2027

Funding Hypothesis-Driven Research in the Following Topic Areas:

The Primary Topic Areas Include:

- ❖ Clinical Research
- ❖ Laboratory Research
- ❖ Education

Definitions of Topic Areas:

- ❖ Clinical Research: Establishing infrastructure to initiate clinical investigation and/or clinical trials in pediatric cardiac disease in the Midwest/region
- ❖ Laboratory Research: Identifying targets for pathways or therapeutic strategies for patients with cardiac disease (*includes pediatric congenital/acquired heart disease and adult congenital heart disease*). These can be basic or translational research projects.
- ❖ Education: Facilitating greater specialization in the applicant's respective field as it relates to pediatric cardiac disease through development of training programs, virtual or web-based educational modules, or other education and training material development.

Funding:

The top priority of the Criss Heart Center is to Award research grants for the most promising programs and studies that will lead to an improved understanding and/or treatment options for pediatric/adult congenital and pediatric acquired heart disease.

Award Description:

- ❖ Award funding based on size, impact, and complexity of project
- ❖ Total Funding to not exceed \$40,000. Funding is for one year with a one-time no cost extension.
- ❖ Salary support for investigators is not allowable. Salary support for ancillary staff, such as coordinators, research technologists, statisticians, is allowed.
- ❖ No indirect costs allowable.
- ❖ Additional budget restrictions can be found here:
<https://www.unmc.edu/chri/memberinfo/chri-grants/budget-restrictions-guidelines/>

To be considered, please submit a full grant application addressing one or more of the primary Topic Areas defined above no later than **12:00 a.m. (midnight) on November 16th**.

Applications must include the following components:

- ❖ Face Page
- ❖ NIH Biosketch
- ❖ Budget
- ❖ Project Narrative
 - Specific Aims (1 page)

- Background and Innovation (1 page)
- Approach (5 pages)
- Statement of relevance to pediatric cardiac disease and future directions (1 page)
- Resources and Facilities (1 page)
- References (no page limit)

Please use font type Arial or similar with size no smaller than 11. Margins no less than 0.5" on all sides. This document will be reviewed internally at the Child Health Research Institute for basic requirements and then be subject to a full review. Final selection of grants will be determined following internal review of Criss Heart Center and Research Pillar Leadership. **Incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will be returned.**

Eligibility:

- ❖ All projects must hypothesis driven and address one of the primary Topic Areas
- ❖ At least one member of the investigative team must be a member of the Criss Heart Center and a member of the Child Health Research Institute
- ❖ Grant recipients will be required to submit a review of their progress at the 6-month period and at the end of the grant cycle
- ❖ Grantees should include proper acknowledgement:
Funding for this research was provided by the Criss Heart Center, with infrastructure support provided by the Child Health Research Institute.

Additional Information:

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