

# 2025 Research Grants Program Submission Guidelines

Important Dates: Letter of Intent Due: September 1, 2025 Full Application Deadline: November 1, 2025

Thank you for your interest in the EHE Foundation's Research Grants Program. For questions about this program, or any of the Foundation's research initiatives, please contact Denise Robinson at research@fightehe.org.



# ABOUT THE EHE FOUNDATION

The EHE Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to find treatments and a cure for the rare cancer, epithelioid hemangioendothelioma (EHE), by advancing research and driving collaboration between patients, researchers, and clinicians.

Our Research Grants Program is a cornerstone of our mission, representing the single-largest funding source dedicated to advancing EHE science. We are eager to fund innovative and transformative research to bring the field closer to more effective therapies that will positively impact the lives of people diagnosed with EHE. To date, the Foundation has committed more than \$2 million dollars to advance EHE research globally.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

The EHE Foundation is interested in funding promising basic, translational, and clinical proposals that have potential to advance scientific knowledge in EHE, improve our understanding of disease presentation, and accelerate the development of therapeutic options. Currently, our areas of interest are focused on:

- identification and development of biomarkers for EHE
- translational science that has the potential to identify and advance a new treatment, including novel and repurposed drugs
- development of essential in vivo and in vitro resources and models
- clinical trials with strong rationale that bring opportunity for treatment investigation to EHE patients

The award amounts and number of grants awarded each year are subject to the availability of funding. Grants funded often range from \$50,000 - \$100,000. The EHE Foundation may consider larger, multi-year proposals.

Grant funding decisions will be based on scientific merit, relevance to our mission, and the suitability of the proposed research with respect to the strategic research objectives of the EHE Foundation and emerging scientific advancements.

## **GRANT RESTRICTIONS**

- Funds may only be used for personnel, supplies, equipment, and/or services.
- Use of funds for institutional overhead or indirect costs is strictly prohibited.
- Use of funds for investigator salary is prohibited.

## ELIGIBILITY

Researchers who hold a Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent are invited to submit a proposal. Post-doctorate and medical fellow researchers must work under the supervision of a research mentor in the related field of research. Prior research experience in EHE is not a requirement, as the EHE Foundation encourages new research approaches in the study of EHE.



## **IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION**

Applications submitted by the date(s) specified will be reviewed and included for consideration in the granting cycle. The EHE Foundation may respond to proposals submitted after the timeline to encourage and support proposed EHE research.

FUNDING SCHEDULE	DATES
Letter of Intent Deadline	September 1, 2025
Notification to Submit a Full Application	September 30, 2025
Full Applications Deadline	November 1, 2025
Award Notification	December 2025 -January 2026

Final award notification is subject to delay, if needed, to allow for additional review.

#### **RESOURCE AND DATA SHARING**

The EHE Foundation is committed to facilitating and promoting a collaborative research community that fosters the sharing of information and resources. We believe that open sharing of resources and data will advance the understanding of EHE and is core to our mission to find treatments and a cure for EHE. Providing accessibility to data and resources is also increasingly important to promote future EHE research and minimize the likelihood of redundant efforts.

Applicants should detail their plan for resource and data sharing as part of their application. Grantees must make data and resources generated available to the EHE community and qualified researchers as soon as reasonably possible. Any unpublished data or resources should be made available, upon request, through collaboration with qualified investigators.

## **RESEARCH REPORTS**

Grant awards require the following:

- Progress reports bi-annually (every 6 months), including an expenditure report, scientific and lay summary. Funding milestones are contingent upon satisfactory progress and appropriate budget expenditures.
- Minimum of one annual (virtual or in-person) presentation of research progress and/or results per year of funding, as appropriate to the project scope.
- Final narrative report at conclusion of the project detailing:
  - o Study findings
  - How the research may be expanded, extended, or utilized to advance EHE research
  - o Publications resulting from the research, including planned publications
  - o Where data is available and how it can be accessed



# PUBLICATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The EHE Foundation expects all grant recipients to share and publish all results as soon as reasonably possible. Any publication or presentation that results from a grant award must acknowledge the EHE Foundation's grant funding and support. Grantees must permit the EHE Foundation to publicize the grant, including a synopsis of the project.

#### **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

Interested researchers should submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for initial review. LOIs will be reviewed with consideration of alignment with the Foundation's mission and capacity to support the proposed research.

#### Letter Of Intent Instructions

LOIs should outline research with the potential to transform our understanding of EHE and/or lead to improved treatments and outcomes for patients. All LOIs are reviewed by the EHE Foundation's Research Committee and strategic advisors. Applicants whose LOIs are deemed most promising and aligned with the Foundation's strategic priorities will be invited to submit a full proposal.

LOIs should be submitted no later than September 1, 2025, and must include:

- Title of Project
- Type of Project (e.g., basic, translational, clinical, or other)
- Name of Sponsoring Institution
- Name, Title, and Addresses of Principal Investigator(s)
- Abstract & Key Words:
  - o Scientific/Clinical Impact Statement
  - o Scientific Abstract
  - o Lay Summary
- Scientific Abstract should include:
  - o Background and significance
  - o Specific aims
  - o Methods
- Estimated Budget
- Timeline

#### Full Application Instructions

Full applications are by invitation. Full proposals will be reviewed by the EHE Foundation's Research Committee, Scientific and Medical Advisory Board, and invited guest expert reviewers.



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- Title of Project
- Type of Project (e.g., basic, translational, clinical, or other)
- Name of Sponsoring Institution
- Name, Title, and Addresses of Principal Investigator(s)
- Key Personnel
- Abstract & Key Words:
  - o Scientific/Clinical Impact Statement
  - o Scientific Abstract
  - o Lay Summary
- Research Proposal
  - Background and Preliminary Data
  - o Rationale and Hypothesis
  - o Specific Aims
  - Research Design and Methods
  - o Potential Problems and Contingencies
- Performance Metrics & Timeline
- Detailed Budget (must detail other sources of funding for project)
- Biographical Sketch of Principal Investigator(s)
- Plan for Sharing Research Data and Resources

Final award of grants will be determined by the EHE Foundation Board of Directors, based on the recommendations from the review process. The Board and its advisors focus on the alignment of the proposed research with the mission of the Foundation and the potential of the proposed research to make a significant impact that could ultimately improve the lives of patients.

#### Submit LOIs and full applications to research@fightehe.org.