

K-Club

Engaging with Research Leadership

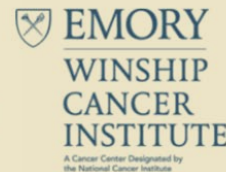
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**April Winner:
Perla del Rio**





K-Club Special: Cannonball Kids' Cancer Young Investigator Grant

Amount: \$100,000 over three years

- **Eligibility**
 - PI must hold an academic appointment at the instructor level or higher
 - Research must be within 5 years of completing a training fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology or a closely related discipline that has direct clinical contact with pediatric cancer patients
 - Research must be within 2-3 years to translation to a clinical trial or already associated with a clinical trial.
- **Program Specific Evaluation**
 - Evidence of Mentor's commitment to the PI's career development plan
 - Translational potential

Deadline: June 1, 2025

More Information [Here](#)



K-Club Special: Trailblazer Award for New and Early-Stage Investigators (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

- The Trailblazer Award is for NIH-defined New and Early-Stage Investigators to pursue research programs that integrate engineering and the physical sciences with the life and/or biomedical sciences.
- A Trailblazer project may be exploratory, developmental, proof of concept, or high risk-high impact, and may be technology design-directed, discovery-driven, or hypothesis-driven.
- Applicants will be considered ineligible for this funding opportunity if they have submitted an R01, R15 or any other R21 application, with a participating IC as the primary IC within the same review cycle. An awardee may not hold concurrent Trailblazer awards.
- Application budgets may not exceed \$400,000 direct costs over a maximum three-year funding period. No more than \$200,000 direct costs may be requested in any single year.

Deadline: June 16, 2025

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K-Club Special: The Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award

- The Innovation Award is specifically designed to provide funding to extraordinary **early career researchers** who have an innovative new idea but lack sufficient preliminary data to obtain traditional funding. It is not designed to fund incremental advances. The research supported by the award must be novel, exceptionally creative and, if successful, have the strong potential for high impact in the cancer field.
- The Stage 1 award will be for two years, \$200,000 per year (\$400,000 total) with the opportunity for up to two additional years of funding (up to four years total for \$800,000). Stage 2 support for years three and four will be granted to those awardees who demonstrate progress on their proposed research during years one and two of the award.

Deadline: July 1, 2025

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Three Factor Review: Simplified Review Framework for NIH Research Project Grant Applications

- **Factor 1: Importance of the Research** (Significance, Innovation), scored 1-9
- **Factor 2: Rigor and Feasibility** (Approach), scored 1-9
- **Factor 3: Expertise and Resources** (Investigator, Environment)

To be evaluated with a selection from a drop-down menu

- Appropriate (no written explanation needed)
- Identify need for additional expertise and/or resources (requires reviewer to briefly address specific gaps in expertise or resources needed to carry out the project)

The change to having peer reviewers assess the adequacy of investigator expertise and institutional resources as a binary choice is designed to have reviewers evaluate investigator and environment with respect to the work proposed. It is intended to reduce the potential for the general scientific reputation to have an undue influence.

More Information Here ([Link](#))

May, 2025 K-Club

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Introductions

Including your favorite part of your research leadership job

Communicating with Research Leaders

What do you consider best practices and what are your own personal preferences?

- Preferred mode of communication with your constituents (e.g. meetings, email correspondence, coffee, etc)
- Typical reasons people connect with you
- Appropriate topics and questions
- Special rules of engagement
- Other questions or comments about communicating with research leaders



Other Good Points of Contact

What other people/resources are good for early career researchers to know?

- Department-specific
- School-specific
- University resources
- Professional societies
- What else?





Best Research Resources

**In your opinion,
what are the best
research-related
resources
available to K-
Clubbers?**

Cores and service centers

Professional organizations

Mentor/mentee toolkits and resources

Georgia CTSA and other similar entities

Newsletters

What else?

Research Funding

- General advice for early career researchers pursuing grant funding
- Any predictions on viability and reliability for research funding from govt sources?
- What other research funding sources are reliable/viable and how do people identify those opportunities?



Grantsmanship Tips & Tricks

What foolproof advice can you offer to maximize the chances of writing a successful first grant?



Best Advice



What is the best research-related career advice you've ever received and what's the best advice you think you've ever given to someone?

Achieving Work/Life Balance

- What are your secrets to success to balance work and life?
- What lessons have you learned along the way that you think could help the next generation establish the right balance for them?

