

The Initiative's Research Grants Program

The Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative supports research that is targeted at finding a cure for sarcoma, as well as research that attempts to develop more effective treatment regimens than those currently available. The Initiative has funded **more than \$2 million** in sarcoma research studies at prestigious institutions around the world. We anticipate that the results of these “starter grants” will allow researchers to apply for funding for larger studies.

Our Research Grants Program is highly selective: applications are accepted throughout the year and are reviewed by sarcoma experts. Only the most promising studies are approved through this process, and our goal is to ensure that funds are available for every approved study.

Most of these funds are contributed by families and friends who have been affected by sarcoma.

At the Initiative, we believe that quality research should be funded wherever it is done, and we encourage collaborative efforts between departments, institutions and countries. We hope that such collaborative studies will bring more effective and less invasive treatments from the research lab to the patient quicker than has been possible in the past. We also hope that such grants provide a mechanism and incentive for other sarcoma researchers to undertake similar international collaborative efforts.

“I have been very impressed by your grant funding program. You have done an excellent job engaging the best minds in the sarcoma research field to act as peer reviewers, thus assuring that grant applications are fairly reviewed and only the best proposals are funded.”

- David Loeb, MD, PhD; Director of the Musculoskeletal Tumor Program; Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

The Initiative has awarded grants to investigators in Australia, Canada, China, Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and the USA. These grants have focused on several types of sarcoma, including alveolar soft part sarcoma, carcinosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, chordoma, clear cell sarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma, GIST, leiomyosarcoma, liposarcoma, malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor, osteosarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma and unclassified pleomorphic sarcoma (MFH).

Recipients of the Initiative's grants agree to publish both an experimental plan and a study report in ESUN.

These reports allow physicians and researchers worldwide to benefit from learning about the research we have funded. We are proud of this level of transparency and accountability, and we believe that donors have a right to know how their money is used. In keeping with our donors' wishes, the Initiative's grants may not be used for salaries, overhead or indirect costs of the investigators' institutions.

Learn more about the Research Grants Program at SarcomaHelp.org.