

## Call for Research Proposals: ARI-PST 2025

### Introduction

The Aryeh Kluger Research Center (AKRC) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2025 funding cycle for the ARI-PST meeting grants. The fund aims to support translational research in pediatric brain tumors based on collaboration between Israeli scientists and physicians. Data from studies included in the current initiative will hopefully lead to further interest in translational studies evaluating new therapeutic modalities for incurable brain tumors.

### Eligibility

- A PI from an Israeli university
- Researchers must hold their academic positions at the time of submission and throughout the grant period.
- Applications must be submitted jointly with an active physician in an Israeli hospital holding academic appointment.
- Collaboration with **biotech company** is encouraged.

### Grant Details

- **Grant amount:** \$10,000 USD.
- **Grant duration:** One year, with a possibility of a one-year extension upon submission of a progress report.
- **Funding coverage:** The grant may be used for expenses related to research materials, services, student's fellowship, and animal models. It **may not** be used for overseas travel.

### Application Submission Guidelines

- All required documents must be sent to : [irisf@szmc.org.il](mailto:irisf@szmc.org.il) by 1.6. 2025.

### Additional Regulations

1. Researchers may submit applications to external funding sources concurrently. If another funding source is secured, the Research Committee will assess funding allocation accordingly.
2. Researchers must acknowledge the support of the **Aryeh Kluger Research Center in Shaare Zedek Medical Center** in any publication resulting from the funded research.
3. A **mandatory final report** or published article (with acknowledgment of the fund's support) must be submitted to the Research Committee within one year of the grant award. Failure to do so will affect future funding eligibility.

**Funding will be provided at the following manner:**

1. First half on 1.7.2025
2. Second half on 1.11.2025 pending submission of summary of research status.
3. All reports should be sent to [irisf@szmc.org.il](mailto:irisf@szmc.org.il)
4. Each application will be reviewed by **members of the advisory committee accompanying the ARI-PST initiative**-Prof. Michelle Monje, Prof Roger Packer, Prof Uri Tabori, Prof. Sabine Mueller , Prof Praveen Raju, and Prof Ronit Satchi-Fainaro.
5. **Main criteria based on which the application will be assessed and rated:**
  1. Clear clinical relevance
  2. Scientific rigor
  3. Collaborative approach
  4. Feasible implementation
  5. Defined next steps
  6. Potential for impact

**Submission Deadline:** [1.6. 2025]

**Contact Information:** [Iris Fried [irisf@szmc.org.il](mailto:irisf@szmc.org.il)]

We encourage all eligible researchers to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to drive forward impactful medical research through interdisciplinary collaboration.

## Required Documents for Research Grant Submission

Applicants must ensure that all required documents are submitted in full and in the correct format. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. **Research Proposal** (*Maximum: 3 pages, Arial font size 11 or 12, line spacing: 1.5 or more*)
  - **English Abstract**
  - **Scientific Background** – Context and literature review.
  - **Research Objectives** – Clearly stated aims of the study.
  - **Detailed Research Plan** – Methodology, experimental design, preliminary results (if available), statistical analysis, and justification for sample size based on budget constraints.
  - **Collaborator role and capabilities** – 2 page NIH biosketch
  - **Budget Justification**
  - **Bibliography**
  
2. **Additional Documents (Upload as PDF):**
  -  **CVs of Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators**
  
  -  **Approval Letter from all Partners**

**All documents must be sent by the stated submission deadline.**