



ECD Global Alliance

Supporting Those Affected by Erdheim-Chester Disease

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The purpose of the ECD Global Alliance is to help those affected by Erdheim-Chester Disease. As such, the Alliance's mission is to provide support, promote research, raise awareness and share educational material related to ECD.

The organization is soliciting grant applications for funding of research projects focused on the etiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis or treatment of Erdheim-Chester Disease.

Maximum Amount of Grant to be Awarded: Up to \$50,000 USD

Duration of Grant: 1 Year

Application Deadline: May 15, 2013

Date to be Awarded: August 15, 2013

Study to Begin no Later Than: January 15, 2014

Eligibility Requirements: Open to all qualified researchers (international proposals welcomed)

Erdheim-Chester Disease is an extremely rare multi-system, non-Langerhans Cell histiocytosis. ECD can affect many different organs of the body, with each patient having a different combination of organs attacked. The disorder is characterized by an excessive production and accumulation of histiocytes which infiltrate the loose connective tissue of the body. As a result this tissue becomes thickened, dense and fibrotic. Unless successful treatment is found, organ failure can result. Erdheim-Chester Disease usually affects adults, although childhood cases have been documented. It can affect both men and women. Disease involvement may include long bones of the legs and arms, skin, tissues behind the eyes, lungs, brain, pituitary gland, kidney, abdominal cavity, the membrane surrounding the heart, adrenal glands and more rarely other organs. The cause of ECD is unknown. Little is known about ECD and few studies have focused upon the disorder.

All investigation proposals will be considered and all qualified investigators are encouraged to apply. As appropriate, submitted proposals should consider inclusion of the following:

- Collaboration among investigators from different institutions
- Translation of findings into clinical testing

More information is available at:

<http://www.erdheim-chester.org/Grants.html>

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