



ECD GLOBAL ALLIANCE

Supporting those affected by
Erdheim-Chester Disease worldwide.

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REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTENT - Early Career Investigators are Encouraged to Submit

The Erdheim-Chester Disease (ECD) Global Alliance (ECDGA) is soliciting Letters of Intent (LOI) for funding research projects focused on the study of **Erdheim-Chester Disease (ECD) and other Adult Histiocytic Disorders**.

Maximum Amount to be Awarded: Up to **50,000 USD**

Duration of Grant: 2 Years

LOI Deadline: October 2, 2023

Eligibility Requirements: **Early Career Investigators (international proposals welcomed)**

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.

Erdheim-Chester Disease is a rare histiocytic neoplasm. The disorder is characterized by excessive production and accumulation of histiocytes that infiltrate the loose connective tissue of the body. 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 any combination of long bones of the legs and arms, skin, tissues behind the eyes, lungs, brain, pituitary gland, kidney, abdominal cavity, heart, adrenal glands, and more rarely other organs.

The ECD Global Alliance is interested in receiving LOIs for any study that has the potential to lead to an increase in knowledge to eventually help address unmet adult histiocytic patient needs, including those with Erdheim-Chester Disease.

All basic science and clinical research proposals submitted by Early Career Investigators will be considered. **Early career investigators** are individuals who have not received previous funding for the study of ECD and are within seven (7) years of receiving either of the following:

- Terminal research degree or completion of postdoctoral training
- Medical residency, fellowship or equivalent

All qualified and interested Early Investigators are encouraged to submit. As appropriate, submitted studies should consider the inclusion of the following:

- Collaboration among investigators from different institutions
- Translation of findings into the clinical setting
- Use of ECD Registry housed at Memorial Sloan Kettering; PI Eli Diamond, MD (diamone1@mskcc.org)

Please submit all LOIs in pdf format using attached 'ECDGA 2023 LOI Submission Form' to:

<https://questionpro.com/t/ATlviZzTQ9>

Questions to be sent to:

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