

Stanford Cancer Center Clinical Innovation Fund (CIF)

Program Overview

The Stanford Cancer Center Clinical Innovation Fund (CIF) seeks to drive and fund innovative projects designed to elevate the quality of care, enhance the patient/provider experience, and expand Stanford Cancer Center outreach & growth as aligned with Stanford Cancer Transformation.

CIF opens up proposal submissions twice a year:

December 1st - January 31st and June 1st - July 31st

FUNDING	ELIGIBILITY	TIMELINE	APPLY	AWARD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-year funding period, up to \$150,000 No cost extension after 1 year available per approval on a case-by-case basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to the following Cancer Center personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physicians & APPs Nursing staff Coordinators/ Clinical Administrative Directors & Managers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two annual submission deadlines occur every: January 31st & July 31st Proposals are reviewed by the CIF Review Committee after the deadline Review process is estimated up to three months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete application form Budget table Supplemental information (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notices will be sent out to all applicants after review via email informing them of the final decision

Proposals should be designed to:

- Enhance the patient & provider experience
- Improve quality of care in outpatient/inpatient settings
- Promote clinical outreach and Cancer Center volume growth
- Increase value of care by reducing costs while improving patient care
- Promote physician, nursing, and APP education around cancer and overall care delivery

Previously approved proposals include:

- Driving Value Based Use of High Cost Melanoma Therapies at Stanford Cancer Center*
- Audio-Visual Assisted Therapeutic Ambience for Radiotherapy (AVATAR)*
- Stanford Cancer Center Smoking Cessation Program*

When preparing your proposal for submission, it is important to keep the following items in mind:

- Eligibility is open to Cancer Service Line (CSL) providers (MD & APP), nursing staff (coordinators, clinical), and administrators/managers. Non-CSL affiliated personnel who are interested in submitting a CIF proposal must align their project with a CSL member or affiliate as an active PI or Co-PI for the proposal to be considered for funding.
- Total project budget for the proposal cannot exceed \$150,000.
- Total project salaries for faculty and benefits cannot exceed 10% of the total budget requested.
- Supplemental information is encouraged any format (.doc, .ppt, .pdf, .jpeg, .mp4, .wav, etc.). Additional supplements can be added to an application that has already been submitted, provided the materials are received before 11:59pm PT on the date of the deadline.

All proposals should be submitted on the CIF Application Form via email to the [Clinical Innovation Fund](#). Directions on how to complete the application can be found [here](#). After a submission cycle closes, each proposal undergoes several rounds of review to ensure Cancer Transformation goals alignment, innovative potential, and feasibility. Requestors can expect to receive a decision response approximately two months after the funding deadlines.

Extension Requests:

PIs with CIF awarded projects can request for an extension with the following in mind:

- Extensions will not be guaranteed and will only be rewarded under special circumstances. CIF Projects are expected to be completed within the award year.
- Complete this [form](#) to request for an extension and submit to the [Clinical Innovation Fund](#).
- Requests should be submitted **two months** before the project end date to provide CIF leadership time to review.
- Requests for extensions submitted after project end date will be at risk of losing access to any remaining funds in budget.
- Extensions can be requested for up to 1 additional year.

Forms

- [CIF application](#)
- [Directions on how to complete the application](#)
- [Request for Extension/Change in Budget Form](#)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

(1) My proposed project will not be completed within one year. What should I do?

Plan to notify [Clinical Innovation Fund](#) at least **60 days in advance** of the project's original end date. A no cost extension of up to one year can be requested by filling out the formal [request form](#).

(2) My funding will not be exhausted within one year. What do I do?

Plan to notify [Clinical Innovation Fund](#) at least **60 days in advance** of the project's original end date. A no cost extension of up to one year can be requested by filling out the formal [request form](#).

(3) Can I request additional funding for my project after one year?

A resubmission of the proposal will need to be sent to the [Clinical Innovation Fund](#) by the posted funding deadlines. Please note whether (a) the proposal achieved its original intent or is (b) still in process.

(4) I am not affiliated with the Cancer Service Line/Cancer Center. Can I still apply?

Non-affiliated individuals are welcome to apply but must partner themselves with a Cancer Service Line member who is actively involved in the project.

(5) When can I expect a response on funding?

Applicants can expect a response on funding via email within three months or less after the application deadline. More complex projects may require additional time for review.

(6) Is there a limit on how many applications I can submit or be involved with?

There is no limit on how many applications one can submit, however applicants should allot appropriate bandwidth to involved CIF projects on top of main work duties.

(7) My project will involve SHC staff members as part of my team for one year. Is this allowed?

Yes. However, before including SHC or SOM staff in your project, confirm that they have the bandwidth to take on additional CIF-related work. The CIF program will also independently verify this, but we recommend checking with their supervisor (Manager, Director, VP etc.) in advance.

(8) If my proposal is approved and the budget includes equipment, what is the process to purchase the equipment?

For equipment to be used for patient care, the CIF is pool of funds, and does not bypass any SHC established processes for purchasing. The requestor should work with the appropriate CCP clinic manager to determine the appropriate processes for purchasing and installing the equipment. For equipment purchased through School of Medicine departments, please follow your standard departmental purchasing processes.

(9) Do I need to present my proposals/results?

Approved proposals PI(s) may be expected to present a brief presentation of their proposal and deliverables. Presentations will be held at the monthly CCP Plenary Meetings. Projects that request extensions will be expected to present upon completion of their proposed project.

(10) When are applications accepted? Are applications accepted on a rolling basis?

Applications can be submitted via email once the announcement for the funding period is released up to 11:59pm PST on the application deadline date (January 31st or July 31st). Applications are not accepted on a rolling basis.

(11) What is meant by 'deliverables'?

Depending on the nature of your proposal, deliverables can range from tangible items (such as hardware, databases) to intangibles (process improvements, cost reduction, etc.) as aligned with Stanford Cancer Transformation.

(12) Can I reallocate funds differently than what was budgeted?

If you need to make changes to your approved budget, please fill out this [form](#) to request a change in budget.

For answers on additional questions not covered above, please email the [Clinical Innovation Fund](#).