My Child Matters 2023-2025 Nursing Awards

Application Guidelines

About “My Child Matters”
My Child Matters Nursing Awards were first launched in 2015 as part of the My Child Matters (MCM) Programme to fight against children’s cancer and reduce inequalities in health, access to care and disease outcome in low- and middle-income countries.

From 2015-2020, 153 nursing project applications were received, and the majority (62%) were from lower-middle-income countries. The My Child Matters Nursing awards have supported nursing projects in 22 countries across all WHO regions. Overall, the My Child Matters Programme supported over 116 projects with a total funding of EUR 7’798’699 and trained 41’348 healthcare professionals. To date, it has supported more than 140’752 children and their families globally.

Visit the interactive map here for more details.

My Child Matters is now the cornerstone initiative of Foundation S – The Sanofi Collective. It will be further expanded to support the World Health Organization’s (WHO) objective of achieving at least 60% survival for all children with cancer by 2030.

Visit the Sanofi Foundation S My Child Matters website here

My Child Matters Nurse Project Awards

10 awardees will be selected during this application cycle and receive a maximum grant of EUR 15,000 each (over 3 years) to help launch their project.

If you are a qualified nurse working in paediatric oncology, we invite you to participate in this international program that will recognize and celebrate the role of nurses in the fight against childhood cancer in resource-constrained settings.

This brief document serves as a guide for the proposal and selection process.

Eligibility Criteria
Projects must be:

• led by a paediatric oncology nurse
- project duration 3-year maximum starting the year of funding
- designed to improve the conditions of children/adolescents with cancer, their families or build the capacity of the health care professionals providing care
- developed by nurses in a low- or medium-resourced country (according to the World Bank’s country income classification in July 2022; check [here](#) for eligibility)
- submitted with a complete application (on time, using the official online application form; all questions answered, and a complete timeline with budget attached)
- received before the deadline: **February 20, 2023 (12:00 midnight CET)**.
- under 15 000 € in total over 3 years

**Projects CANNOT be:**
- outside the healthcare field
- using grant funds for clinical trials
- using grant funds for procurement of any kind of medication/drugs
- focusing on building or rehabilitating a physical structure or purchasing equipment
- acting contrary to the ethical principles of the Foundation and to human rights in general, especially those that involve any form of religious propaganda or preaching

The organization receiving the funding must be an existing institution, non-governmental organization or non-profit. It is not necessary for this organization to be directly involved in the project. Due diligence will be conducted regarding the organization proposed to receive the funds. No funds will be transferred to individuals.

After you submit your proposal, the SIOP MCM Nursing task force will review and evaluate your project guided by the following criteria.

**Main Selection Criteria**
Your project should aim at building local capacity and capability for childhood cancer care and improving treatment and standards of care. Projects may be focussed on education and training, improving professional practice (can include raising awareness) or research. Your project tackles one of the following specific issues:
- Professional capacity building
- Nursing education or clinical training
- Patient/family education
- Infection prevention
- Raising cancer awareness and/or advocacy for early diagnosis
- Providing psychosocial support
- Improving access to care
- Improving early detection
- Implementing and evaluating standards of nursing care / palliative care / pain control
- Reducing treatment abandonment rates
- Addressing and targeting the mental health of the children/adolescents, parents and caregivers and healthcare workers

Your nursing project proposal should address local or regional needs and fall within the context of on-the-ground realities in your region. It should aim to influence a broad patient population, rather than focus on the needs of a few and should rely on locally available and appropriately trained team members to build and address each objective. It is critical that you include a plan for the
sustainability of your project once the funding has ended. Some options may be to partner with your national nursing association/society or an existing governmental program, or a non-governmental organization with interest in non-communicable diseases and/or children and adolescents.

The selected projects will be awarded based on the following key criteria. Please address as many as applicable in your application:

- Innovation
- The ability to improve the care of children with cancer; decrease their suffering and improve their chances of survival
- The potential for adapting the project concept to other communities or regions
- Cultural fit
- Community impact
- Feasibility
- Sustainability
- Defined outcome indicators or measures of objective achievement

Although not compulsory, we appreciate projects with:

- other sources of funding or partners
- an advocacy plan for gathering local support for your project from private, government, or non-governmental organizations
- an effort to develop strategic partnerships with professional institutions / organizations, and/or healthcare facilities in your country or region (could include nursing associations, schools of nursing, or nursing advocacy groups), to help magnify the impact of your project through cooperation and sharing of resources, expertise, and knowledge.
- promote social and organizational innovation

Applications
Please download and complete the following documents before your start the online application process here:

- Budget
- Timeline
- Smart Goal Guidance

You can access our online applications forms in English, French and Spanish here.

The deadline for submission is February 20, 2023 (12:00 midnight CET).

The final decision on submitted projects will be communicated on March 20, 2023.

How to fill the budget document?
Fill only the yellow cells/boxes. The file has formulas provided so that the amounts automatically add up at the bottom of the page. A maximum of 15,000 Euros support from Sanofi Foundation S is allowed.

1. Type the project title and country
2. Go to: www.oanda.com/currency/converter/
3. Find your country in the “Currency I Have” pull-down list (make sure “Currency I Want” reads Euro
4. Find the exchange rate by typing “1” in the “Currency I Have” field.
5. Note the amount in Euros for “Currency I Want”
6. Type the local currency name
   Do not fill the reporting columns.

Selection Process
Your project will be formally reviewed by a jury composed of experts, mainly nurses, in the field of paediatric oncology from SIOP and the Sanofi Foundation S to verify that it meets the Foundation’s strategic direction and conforms to the guidelines noted above.

Final decisions regarding selection for funding will be made by the MCM SIOP Nursing task force.

Terms of Partnership

**Partnership Agreement**
If your project is selected, your hospital / organization will be required to enter into an agreement with the Sanofi Foundation S to set the terms of partnership, including the reciprocal commitments, the allocated budget, the duration of support, and the communication and leverage actions decided.

The terms of the agreement will specifically address requirements for:

**Project progress reporting**
You will be expected to complete a short update after six months to identify barriers, delay, or issues if any or if all is going well. Then you will be expected to complete a full interim report after year 1 and year 2 and a final report after year 3.

Issues of intellectual property of the data and outcomes ensuing as a direct or indirect result of this grant, and requirements for formal recognition of Sanofi Foundation S’s role when publicizing outcomes of your project in the form of presentations, posters, or publications in national or international forums.

Each year the funds are transferred by SIOP to your hospital / organization’s bank account.

**Reporting**
The indicators for measuring the project’s implementation status and impact will be defined by the local project leader at the start of the partnership and will be jointly reviewed by SIOP and the Sanofi Foundation S as the project progresses.

**Questions & queries?**
Kindly email the SIOP Office at info@siop-online.org

Thank you for your interest and good luck!