

# KINDNESS FOR KIDS HEALTH CARE AWARD

Application deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup> 2017.

The award is endowed with a maximal amount of 40 000 Euro.

## The objective

A disease is defined as rare if there are fewer than 5 out of 10 000 persons affected. These people and their relatives often lead very restricted lives. The knowledge of several experts is required to diagnose and treat the disease. The lack of networks of doctors, therapists and patients, as well as limited knowledge of local health professionals complicate everyday life: patients have to travel over large distances in order to meet specialists, where they are often confronted with long waiting times and indifference. After a period of on average 7 years to diagnose a rare disease, the problem continues as treatments exist for only very few disorders.

With the Health Care Award Kindness for Kids wants to improve the condition of health care provision for children (0-16 years) with rare diseases. We are looking for interdisciplinary, innovative research projects which will help to improve the quality of life of those affected. The award is endowed with a maximal amount of 40 000 Euro.

## What is supported?

The Kindness for Kids health care award funds the implementation of a project that aims to directly improve situation of children living with a rare disease through structural changes or with a new therapeutic approach. A scientific study should evaluate the concept and ideally lead to a publication by project termination (after 1 – 2 years). Selection criteria include:

- Concept novelty
- Sustainability of the project
- Dissemination of the new health care concept
- Set-up or integration of local, national or international networks
- Scientific approach
- Highly qualified applicants
- Participation of patient organizations

## What is not supported?

- Literature research
- Basic research

- Clinical research
- co-funding only if the project to be supported by the foundation can be clearly defined and separated from the remaining parts
- symposia, meetings and conferences

### Who can apply?

Students, health care professionals, medical doctors and scientists from universities, hospitals, research institutions and NGOs from Europe

### How to apply?

- The application has to be submitted before April 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 as a pdf document via email to [c.engelhorn@kindness-for-kids.de](mailto:c.engelhorn@kindness-for-kids.de)
- The application can be either in English or German.
- Applications will be evaluated from an advisory board and results will be announced in July. The award ceremony will be at the annual conference of the German Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine.
- For additional questions please contact Dr. Carolin Engelhorn or Anne Veit.

### Format Requirements

- *Arial Font Style, Size 10*
  - *File must be single-spaced*
  - *Five-page limit including points 1 - 6*
1. Project title (max. 30 words) and names of applicants and their institutions (please mark corresponding applicant with an asterisk)
  2. Summary (1/2 page)  
*Provide a clear, concise summary of the aims of the work proposed and its relationship to your long-term goals. State how the study will be conducted and its relevance to patients.*
  3. Background and Significance (1 page)  
*Sketch the background and significance of this project.*
  4. Study objectives (1/2 page)  
*State the goals of the project.*
  5. Research Design and Methods (2 1/2 pages)  
*Give a detailed description of the methods that will be applied. Describe how existing resources can be used efficiently and patient organizations will be involved.*
  6. Other Aspects (up to 1/2 page)  
*Please describe how the project contributes in the following aspects: project sustainability, innovation, network building at national or international level.*

7. Attachments (does not count towards the 5 page limit)
  - a. Bibliography
  - b. Specification of costs
  - c. Timeline (max. 2 years) with clearly defined milestones and when applicable the specific roles of applicants
  - d. CVs of all applicants including contact details and current position (max. 2 pages per applicant)
  - e. Other (project flyers etc.)
  - f. How did you hear about the KFK health care award?

*Please submit all documents combined in one single pdf with numbered pages. The document is named with the applicant's first and last name separated by an underscore. Please submit the application via email to [c.engelhorn@kindness-for-kids.de](mailto:c.engelhorn@kindness-for-kids.de)*