

## **CALL FOR ORIGINAL RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSALS BY YOUNG INVESTIGATORS – 2026 EDITION**

The Associazione Mia Neri Foundation Onlus (MNF) ([www.mianerifoundation.it](http://www.mianerifoundation.it)) will fund **two** basic research projects (one for all applicants and one reserved to Italian applicants) in the field of childhood brain tumors with a **50,000 € grant**. Proponents' age should not exceed 30 years old. **The proposal should be accompanied by a statement explaining how the project is driven by an innovative hypothesis different from the main line of research of the hosting lab and what are the expected benefits if such hypothesis is confirmed.** The proposals will be reviewed by experts in the field and the winners will be selected by the Scientific Committee of the MNF, based on the reviewers' evaluations.

Project proposals should be submitted to the MNF at [mianerifoundation@gmail.com](mailto:mianerifoundation@gmail.com) **no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> 2026** in the following format:

1. **Proponent's name, short cv (showing age) and contact details**
2. **Project title and abstract (half page)**
3. **Background, including preliminary results**
4. **Hypotheses and specific aims**
5. **Research plan, including expected results**
6. **Name of external collaborators, if any**
7. **Budget**

Sections 3-5 should not exceed 5 pages, excluding figures and references. Font no smaller than Times New Roman 12, margins at least 2 cm each. All the above should be organized and submitted in a single file

The proposals should be accompanied by a letter of acceptance from the Institution where the research project will be carried out.

**The winners will be announced no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> 2026**

Funds will be made available in a single installment of 50,000 € after clearance of the project by the local Ethics Committee, if required.

Inquiries on this call should be addressed to Giovanni Neri, president of the Associazione Mia Neri Foundation at [mianerifoundation@gmail.com](mailto:mianerifoundation@gmail.com)