



2026 FAVRE FAMILY AWARD FOR INNOVATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Due Date	JAN 13	12:00 p.m.	Submit entries to marybird.org/favre-award
Finalist Presentation Date	FEB 5	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Toups Conf. Room
Award Date	MARCH 11	1:00 p.m.	Rathbone Conf. Room

1. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The ***Favre Family Award for Innovation was created by the Art Favre Family and supported by Favre Family Innovation Fund within the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center Foundation*** to support the creation of innovative services, programs and technology for Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center patients.

To effectively save and extend lives, it is essential for the Cancer Center to provide programs, services and technology capable of delivering the absolute highest standard of care for patients. The award will honor individual(s) that exhibit forward-thinking planning and development of pioneering programs and creative solutions to challenges in cancer care today. Innovative programs advance the goals of improving access, enhancing quality of life, and advancing treatment and/or cost-effectiveness of cancer care.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Any full-time Cancer Center employee employed at the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center network, on behalf of any department is eligible to submit an application for the Favre Family Award for Innovation.
- b. An employee who won the Favre Family Award for Innovation the previous year shall not be eligible to apply.
- c. Proposals for ongoing projects that do not further the innovation of services, technology or programs of Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center are not eligible and will not be considered.
- d. Only one application for the Favre Family Award for Innovation may be submitted per project lead.



3. AWARD DESCRIPTION

The maximum award amount of \$15,000 will be available to support innovative projects. There is no guarantee of either the amount of funding available or the number of awards in future award cycles.

The application should be submitted to online at marybird.org/favre-award by the project lead, along with all required documentation listed on the Instruction for Applications below.

Allowable expenses are supplies, equipment and external professional services, which can be justified as necessary. Salaries for any member of staff is not allowed.

Payment of the awarded funds will typically be made at the end of the grant award after the \$15,000 has been spent, but this may vary due to the nature of the innovation that is proposed. Any unexpended funds remaining at the time of project completion shall be returned to the Favre Family Innovation Fund.

4. DURATION OF THE AWARD

Work proposed as an Award for Innovation must be completed within a maximum of 24 months. One no-cost extension will be considered only upon request with sufficient justification and documented evidence of continued progress toward the defined project milestone(s). The extension must be requested prior to the expiration of the project period to be considered and reviewed by the Favre Family Innovation Award Board.

5. ACTIVITY REPORTS

Technical and financial activity reports documenting progress toward stated goals will be required. Dates for the reports are below:

	12 Month Project	24 Month Project
Award Date	April 1, 2026	April 1, 2026
3 Month Update	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2026
Progress Report 1	December 1, 2026	December 1, 2026
Final Report	March 1, 2027	
Progress Report 2		March 1, 2027
Progress Report 3		December 1, 2027
Final Report		March 1, 2027



6. INSTRUCTION FOR APPLICATIONS

All applications should be submitted by filling out the online form at marybird.com/favre-award

1. Include a title
2. Describe the challenge you wish to address
3. Describe the project and how it addresses the challenge
4. Outline the goals and objectives of the program
5. Submit a detailed budget with justification
6. Member of Senior Management Team (SMT) sign-off

7. APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

Applications to the Favre Family Award for Innovation program will be scored by a committee and shared with the selection committee comprised of internal and external members based on the criteria related to the merit of the project, along with points for several other factors, as detailed below. The selection committee will be present for the final four presentations to determine the winner of the award.

Fit with the Award for Innovation Program (50 points)

- Will the proposed project provide the absolute highest standard of care for Cancer Center patients?
- Is the proposed project forward thinking?
- Does the proposed project address challenges in cancer care through pioneering and creative solutions?
- Does the proposed program improve access, enhance quality of life, advance treatments and/or cost-effectiveness of cancer care?

Implementation (25 points)

- Is the project plan thoughtful, realistic and does it allow the Cancer Center to provide the absolute highest standard of care for our patients?
- Does the applicant have the capacity to execute the work effectively or have a plan to meet capacity?

Impact (25 points)

- Is the project likely to make a significant, sustainable difference now or in the future?
- Will the project inspire or inform others?

TOTAL POINTS FOR APPLICATION: 100



Presentations (20 points)

In addition, the four finalists will give a 15 minute presentation to a panel of judges. Each presentation will be followed by a five--minute question and answer session with the judges made up of selection committee members. The finalists will be contacted by the selection committee to schedule the date of the presentation. The individual presentations will be scored at the conclusion of each presentation.

TOTAL POINTS FOR PRESENTATION: 20
TOTAL OVERALL POINTS: 120

8. CONTACT

For any questions, please contact:
Amanda LaGrange at [**alagrange@marybird.com**](mailto:alagrange@marybird.com)



SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee will be made up of the following members:

- Mr. Art Favre
- Member of the Cancer Center Senior Management Team*
- Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Foundation representative
- MBP Board of Directors Representative
- Two department team managers*

*NOTE: The physicians, department team managers and SMT representative will be selected by the Administrator team.

The Development office will provide administrative support to the program.

Any member of the committee who has a conflict of interests with a proposal will recuse himself/herself from reviewing and scoring that particular proposal at the time of review.

