



Stupid Cancer Research Project Guidelines

We support patient-centered research that is not only responsive to the experiences and needs of adolescents and young adults (AYAs) and caregivers affected by cancer, but also aligned with goals for improving AYA cancer. We expect all research initiatives to have IRB approval, be affiliated with an accredited academic institution or government agency, have a **focus on AYAs (ages 15-39)** and/or their caregivers, and clear parameters for participant eligibility. Research partners agree to provide us with an accounting of recruitment and participation metrics associated with the Stupid Cancer community, provide a summation of the main research findings at the end of the study, be committed to disseminating those findings to the Stupid Cancer community, and collaborate with our organization in creating a learning campaign. This campaign could be any of the following formats:

- at least two social media posts about the research topic,
- participation in a learning session with the Stupid Cancer community at a mutually agreed upon time and/or platform (e.g., webinar, digital meetup), or
- language and collateral to share on our website describing the project's enrollment, goals, participation parameters, and benefit to the AYA community.

In addition to collaborating with us on a learning campaign that serves to disseminate your research findings across our community, we would also like our research partners to share a story that we can share on the [Stupid Cancer Story Library](#). This is a platform to amplify the shared experiences of the AYA community and develop a source of expression and solidarity -- over the past few years, we have collected personal essay/blog-style posts from mainly the patients, survivors and caregivers in our community. To create a further impact, we would like to expand our reach by including stories from researchers about their experiences with the AYA community. This would be an informal reflection of how you became interested in AYA research, what drives you to do this research, why you became involved, why the AYA community is meaningful to you, or anything else you would be open to sharing about your research experience.

If you are able to commit to these requirements, we will review your request to work with our community.

Please send an email to contact@stupidcancer.org.