



*Welcome to the Fourth International Chordoma Research Workshop. You are joined here in Boston by over 100 colleagues from more than 40 institutions and companies in 9 countries, representing the largest and most diverse group ever assembled to focus on advancing the understanding and treatment of chordoma. We are gathered at a time when new insight into the molecular underpinnings of chordoma, new models in which to test hypotheses, and new technologies have opened the door to countless new lines of inquiry.*

*By coming together, we have a chance to exchange information, generate ideas, and build relationships that will lay the ground for a new wave of research. Every piece of unpublished data shared, every hypothesis generated, and every collaboration hatched, adds to the momentum in the field, and brings closer our goal of curing chordoma. The Chordoma Foundation exists to be your partner in this endeavor, whether by providing funding, by sharing reagents, or facilitating collaborations. This year we are pleased to offer \$50,000 peer-reviewed seed grants to support promising research that emerges from the workshop.*

*We hope that this workshop will help you seize opportunities to make new discoveries, and to translate those discoveries into urgently-needed treatments for chordoma patients. On behalf of everyone affected by chordoma, I thank you for being here, and for being a part of a team that will one day make history by curing chordoma.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

*Josh Sommer, Executive Director*