

Small Grants for Investigator-Initiated Research

Introduction

The Foundation has initiated a strategy to enhance the way research is done at Guthrie. A new program will make small grants available to support investigator-initiated research (I2R) that will: (1) build on our clinical strengths and our vertically integrated structure; (2) address questions that arise directly from our clinical practice; (3) address the healthcare needs of the community we serve; (4) translate the results of basic biomedical research into the way medicine is practiced in the community; and (5) be integrated with our educational and professional development programs.

Funds Available

In general, grants will be limited to \$5,000 per project in a 12-month period. An additional amount of \$10,000 per project in a 12-month period may be obtained to purchase equipment. All purchased equipment may only be used to perform the required clinical assessments needed for the particular project. Further, any project specific equipment may only be utilized by the investigator or study team during the conduct of the trial. Upon project completion and in collaboration with the departmental administrator the equipment will be transferred from the Foundation to department in which the trial was performed. Any equipment purchase should maintain an intended use of providing improved patient care methods. Grant funds may not be used to purchase computer equipment or for travel. Prior to approval, all fund requests must outline clear objectives in the application regarding intended use and purpose of funds. Grantees will be expected to submit quarterly progress reports. The quarterly progress reports should provide an explanation of the research that has been conducted to date, a budgetary summary and a description of what additional research will be performed. The call for grants will begin on July 1st and continue through December 31st. Grant applications after December 31st will not be accepted and must be resubmitted for approval in the next grant cycle. Up to six grants will be awarded per year.

Application Process

We are trying to keep the application process as short and as simple as possible. Please refer to the application on the following page for all required fields. Questions regarding the application should be discussed with the Director of Guthrie Foundation prior to submission to ensure an expedited process.

Eligibility

This program is open to all healthcare providers of Guthrie Clinic. The principal investigator is responsible for overall conduct of the project, and co-investigators must be qualified to carry out their roles on the project. Residents at Robert Packer Hospital may apply as principal investigators, but a Guthrie Clinic physician must be a co-investigator on the project. First-time applicants should submit a CV using the NIH Biosketch format.

Review Criteria

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Scientific or medical significance of the objective
2. Quality of the proposed approach
3. Relevance to the mission of Guthrie

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed initially by the Director of Guthrie Foundation to determine eligibility and then by the Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and the President/CEO of Guthrie Healthcare System for content and relevance. When necessary, additional reviews will be sought from Guthrie physicians with appropriate expertise. The review process will occur on an ongoing basis as grants are received. Grant approval will be shared once all reviewers complete their assessment of the application.

Human Subjects

If the application proposes a study involving human subjects or examination of patients' medical records, then it is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain approval for the research from the Institutional Review Board. Further, a finalized protocol should be submitted in conjunction with the IRB Application for approval.

Format for Application for Investigator-Initiated Research Grant

GUTHRIE FOUNDATION APPLICATION FOR INVESTIGATOR-INITIATED RESEARCH GRANT

Please do not exceed five pages

Return completed application to: Burt Cagir, MD, FACS

Title of Proposal:						
Principal Investigator:						
Phone, e-Mail		Phone:				
		Email:				
Dept/Division:						
Co-Investigator(s):						
<u>Structured Protocol Synopsis</u>						
Background:						
Purpose/Rationale:						
Objectives:						
Population:						
Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria:						
Investigational and reference therapy (if any):						
Study Design:						
Efficacy assessments:						
Other assessments:						
Data analysis:						
References:						
<u>Funds Requested:</u>		Category	Description	Budget Detail	Total Patient	Cost