

2019 MedStar Diabetes Research Grant Request for Proposal (RFP)

MedStar Health is dedicated to advancing health and creating knowledge through research. To support diabetes research that translates scientific discoveries into practical, life-enhancing treatments and programs for MedStar patients, the MedStar Health Research Institute (MHRI) will fund “MedStar Diabetes Research Grant” projects through this request for proposal (RFP) process.

The overall goal of the MedStar Diabetes Research Grant is: to support investigators in the field of diabetes research who are interested in developing pilot data that can lead to additional, externally funded studies. These awards are intended to support particularly innovative and transformational ideas that have the potential to have an exceptional impact on diabetes.

Eligibility Criteria for selection of successful grant applications include:

1. The principal investigator must be an Investigator at a MedStar Health entity.
2. The funding will allow initiation or development of an investigation with a high likelihood to obtain external funding. Priority will be given to applications that clearly demonstrate how this grant will lead to external funding (with as much specificity as possible)

Technical aspects for this Diabetes Grant

1. **Completed applications will be due on May 13, 2019, and notification of decisions will be made mid-June 2019** (funding would be anticipated for the academic (and fiscal) year July 2019 – June 2020).
2. **Review:** A scientific review committee will review all applications on their responsiveness to this RFP, feasibility and scientific impact, placing the greatest emphasis on potential for future funding. The review committee will include MHRI senior investigators, members of the Georgetown-MedStar Scientific Council and *ad hoc* experts, as needed. All peer reviews will be fully confidential.
3. **Duration:** The investigative team is expected to start as soon as possible, with any needed IRB, IACUC, or required regulatory documents submitted no later than 8 weeks after funding notification. No more than 10% of grant funds may be expended prior to receipt of all approvals and funding will be forfeit if research approval and initiation require longer than 4 months from notification. The proposal should be completed in 12 months (by June 30, 2020). It is expected that any resulting publications and new grant applications will be submitted within 6 months of project completion.
4. **Budget:** The proposed budget must not exceed \$25,000 direct costs. There are no indirect charges associated with this grant. The proposed budget can be used for any study-related expenses necessary to complete the proposed investigation (e.g., salary, supplies, equipment, etc.).
5. **Application Process and Content:** Please send applications to Research@medstar.net as a single PDF file by 11:59 pm on May 13, 2019, and include:
 - 1) A cover page should include:
 - a) Title of project



- b) Principal Investigator and Project Team (names, current positions, and roles in project)
- 2) **Specific Aims:** an [NIH-style](#) one-page encapsulation of the rationale, significance, approach, hypotheses, aims and impact of the proposed research
- 3) **Research Strategy** (standard NIH R21/R03 format) of no more than 6 pages and should include:
 - a) Background/Significance
 - b) Innovation
 - c) Approach
- 4) NIH Biosketch (standard NIH format of up to 5 pages – see [template](#), [example](#), and [instructions](#)) for each investigator
- 5) A proposed detailed budget and budget justification (see [NIH budget template](#))
- 6) A one-page or shorter description of the planned subsequent grant application that would follow completion of the proposed project and how this project would specifically increase the competitiveness of the planned grant
- 7) A brief letter from the department chair, also on behalf of any relevant clinical leaders (e.g., division chief, practice director, VPMA) describing the applicant's position/duties and ensuring that applicant will have adequate time to complete the proposed research and describing access to any other resources, collaborations, facilities, or resources that would favor success
- 8) Applications should be formatted in Arial font, 11 point, with 0.5-inch margins

**Note:* The Cover Page, Specific Aims, Biosketch, Budget and Budget Justification, planned future funding description, and letter of support are not included in the Research Strategy 6-page limit

Questions about the application process should be directed to Sarah Wright-Gaul at 281-732-6860 or Sarah.E.Wright-Gaul@medstar.net.