



Fondation Santé

Research Grants in Biomedical Sciences

Call for Proposals

In response to the diminishing funds available to support biomedical research in Greece, Fondation Santé initiated its **Research Grants in Biomedical Sciences** Program in 2012. The grants support existing research teams at the level of €20,000 for one year with the possibility of a one-time renewal depending on progress. Because of their modest size these grants cannot support full-fledged research programs; rather they are designed to aid research teams to initiate new projects or extend an existing program toward a new direction. Finally, through this program we wish to support Principal Investigators and make a statement that the quality of their work remains high in spite of ever decreasing resources.

Applications are evaluated strictly on the basis of scientific merit as judged by an international scientific committee. Please note that the ranking of the applications is not publicly announced and we do not provide a written evaluation of the proposals.

Grant Reviewing Committee

Dr. Sidney Altman

Yale University; 1989 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

Dr. Spyros Artavanis-Tsakonas

Prof. Harvard Medical School; CSO Biogen; Professeur honoraire au Collège de France

Dr. David Baltimore

Caltech; 1975 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

Dr. Edith Heard

Professor of Epigenetics and Cellular Memory at the Collège de France, Director of the Genetics and Developmental Biology Department, Institut Curie, Paris

Dr. Daniel Louvard

Professor Emeritus at the Institut Pasteur and former Director of the Research Center of Institut Curie, Paris

Dr. Gerald Rubin

Vice President, HHMI, Executive Director, Janelia Farm

Dr. Marc Tessier-Lavigne

President, Stanford University.



Proposal Guidelines

Recommended page limits are not to be exceeded and proposals should be presented using a 12 pt font single spaced. The grant will **not** support purchase of major equipment or travel costs.

While the Committee would welcome innovative ambitious proposals, applicants should be realistic in their aspirations and focus on proposals that can provide tangible results given the level of funding and the grant's funding time. This is a very important parameter and will be taken into account in evaluating the proposals. The possibility on a second year funding exists but it will strictly depend on tangible progress on the original goals.

We finally note that these grants are meant to support existing **independent** investigators.

Proposal

*(Page limits should be **strictly** followed)*

1. Title
2. Name, contact information, and a short CV of the investigator with full bibliography. It will be helpful to include 1-2 paragraphs explaining the relevant track record of the research team lead by the applicant.
3. Project summary (**250 words maximum**).
4. Specific aims (**not to exceed one page**).
5. Introduction and significance – A statement of the question, a concise review of the concept, and the background information placing the question in context (**not to exceed two pages**).
6. Research strategy (**not to exceed three pages**, including diagrams and figures).
7. Bibliography
8. Budget (**one page**). The budget should briefly explain how the requested funds will be allocated (salary, supplies, small equipment, animal costs, etc.). A maximum university overhead allowance of 5% may be included.

Submission

Proposals will be accepted in digital form only, **as a single pdf file, and should be e-mailed to Fondation Santé:** [proposals@fondationsante.org].

Submission Deadline: Proposals must be submitted by October 1, 2016 and the funding will begin on January 1, 2017.



About Fondation Santé

Fondation Santé was established in 2000 as a tax-exempt private charitable foundation operating exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes. Our mission is to promote the advancement of education and biomedical research in Greece. Fondation Santé seeks to accomplish these objectives through various means including organizing internship programs, providing grants and holding conferences on subjects related to the science and business of biology and medicine. Furthermore, the foundation attempts to facilitate communication among governments, pharmaceutical and biotech companies, academic and research organizations, and individuals in order to encourage scientific and medical initiatives that require multidisciplinary or global approaches.

