

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Medical Research & Clinical Innovation Grants

Q: Who can submit a Medical Research or Clinical Innovation Grant?

Probably you. If you provide patient care at TriHealth, then you are eligible to apply. Medical Research and Clinical Innovation grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$100,000.

Q: How does the Foundation grant process work?

The Foundation has a simple three-step process:

STEP ONE: Schedule a Hatton Research Institute Grant Consultation

The first step in the process is to have a conversation about your grant idea by contacting Jocelyn LaMar at **513.865.5072** or **jocelyn_lamar@trihealth.com** to request a Bethesda Foundation grant consultation. The consultation typically takes less than 30 minutes.

If your grant idea better fits as a Medical Research grant, the project study team will complete a free, online CITI Training (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative).

STEP TWO: Complete the Preliminary Application

The Preliminary Application gives you the opportunity to concisely describe your project by answering four key questions. It may be submitted at any time.

STEP THREE: Submit Your Full Proposal

Should your Preliminary Application be approved, you will be invited to submit a full proposal.

Q: I want to submit a Medical Research/Clinical Innovation Grant to the Foundation...Do I have to work with a Hatton Research Institute team member?

Yes. It is mandatory to work with a Hatton team member. Hatton will support you throughout the grant process. This means help with drafting the proposal, budgeting, research design, and follow-up reports. They are in your corner, and an essential part of the Foundation grant experience.

Q: When are grants awarded?

The Foundation awards grants in January and in July.

While you may submit a preliminary application at anytime, in order to be considered for the January award the preliminary application needs to be submitted by August 1^{st} , and to be eligible for the July award the preliminary application needs to be submitted by February 1^{st} .

Q: How are the grants reviewed?

All Medical Research and Clinical Innovation Grants are reviewed by the Foundation's Grant Committee, which consists of TriHealth clinicians, accomplished business leaders, and other talented and innovative volunteer leaders.

Q: What kind of grants do well in the review process?

All Medical Research and Clinical Innovation grants have one common theme...they improve the health and care of the patients served by TriHealth. The support provided to you by your Hatton team member will best position your grant proposal to be successful.

That being said, there are core elements that the Grant Committee looks for in propsoals:

Measurable: Your proposal should demonstrate impact in a way that can be quantified.

Sustainable: Your proposal should not require funding year after year, and should ideally generate revenue or cost savings for TriHealth.

Innovative: Your proposal should not replicate studies or initiatives that have already been done.

Scalable: Your proposal should ideally explore ideas that can be implemented to improve patient care system wide. The Committee looks for proposals that provide concrete solutions that address areas of opportunity related to patient care.

Proposals that do well in the review process also focus primarily on supporting projects that take place in Bethesda Hospitals, specifically Bethesda North. Any request for equipment that costs over \$5,000 should be directly tied to a measureable outcome.

Q: What should I expect during the grant process?

We recognize that pursuing grant funding may seem daunting. As such, the Bethesda Foundation makes three essential promises to grant seekers:

We Promise To Not Waste Your Time

We Promise To Support You Throughout The Application Process...And Beyond

We Promise That Your Innovative Ideas Matter And Can Save Lives

Q: I want to know more...what should I do?

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