

## **Iacocca Family Foundation 2015 Grant Guidelines**

### **GRANT GUIDELINES**

The Iacocca Family Foundation is accepting grant proposals for 2015. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 30, 2015 at 5pm Eastern.

The Foundation will accept grant applications to support innovative and promising research projects that will lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. The Foundation will accept novel projects, which directly accelerate a cure for type 1 diabetes or inform the understanding of the disease by a related or complementary mechanism of action. Investigators in traditional type 1 diabetes research, as well as investigators currently working on other autoimmune diseases are encouraged to apply, provided that the proposed project focuses directly on type 1 diabetes and supports the mission of the Foundation.

### **BACKGROUND ON FOUNDATION**

The Iacocca Family Foundation is a 501(c)3 private foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to fund innovative and promising type 1 diabetes research programs and projects that will lead to a cure for the disease and alleviate complications caused by it.

The Foundation has funded more than \$40 million in promising research projects since it's inception thirty years ago.

### **REVIEW PROCESS**

All research projects are peer-reviewed by the Foundation's expert panel of Scientific Advisors. The individuals who serve as Scientific Advisors are experts in endocrinology, immunology, cell biology, bio-engineering and related fields relevant to type 1 diabetes research. As science within the field evolves, the Foundation's expert panel does too. These individuals are motivated to help the Foundation choose the best projects presented to the Foundation and share in the mission of "finding a cure for type 1 diabetes."

While the Foundation does not share the names of reviewers, the Foundation is happy to share more on the rigorous review of applicants. Each application receives an initial review, is ranked, then top applicants are reviewed and discussed by additional reviewers. The most compelling applicants are presented to Foundation Trustees. The Trustees have a final vote on which research projects are funded and greatly appreciate the insight from the Scientific Advisors to inform their final decision. Given many of you have served on such panels of experts, you too can appreciate that this is not an easy task, especially as the application pool continues to grow.

## **TYPES OF PROJECTS AND BUDGET**

The Foundation funds a range of proposals, including basic science, fellowships and clinical trials. Specific details are available on the Research History page of the Foundation's website. There is "no magic number" as to a proposal budget, rather researchers are asked to present *the true number* needed to support their research within the range of \$10,000 to \$500,000.

On average, the Foundation typically funds 3-10 projects a year. Since 2010, the *average* grant size totaled \$228,350. As a private family Foundation, the Foundation is required to give away 5% of its' assets, yet the Iacocca Family Foundation typically has given above and beyond this requirement. This is credited to the family and the Trustees' desire to support good research in the hopes of finding a cure sooner rather than later.

Therefore, the Foundation and its' Trustees encourage submission of all applications that align with the current year's Grant Guidelines.

## **ELIGIBLE AGENCIES AND PROJECTS: NON-PROFIT ACADEMIC, MEDICAL OR RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS**

In order to maximize the effectiveness of the Foundation's grant making, the Foundation will support qualified non-profit research organizations in type 1 diabetes research programs and projects. Individuals from the U.S. and internationally are welcome to apply.

The Iacocca Family Foundation accepts applications from investigators at non-profit academic, medical or research institutions. Applicants need to provide such IRS documentation of status or the equivalent if applying from outside the United States.

Although the Foundation recognizes that there are many worthwhile projects in the for-profit setting, the Trustees have decided to *only* support non-profit entities at this time.

### ***The Foundation will make grants to support:***

Research programs and projects that will lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes (and supplies and equipment as it pertains to such projects); salaries; fellowships under the sponsorship of a strong advisor; and international collaborations.

### ***The Foundation does not make grants for:***

Projects not on type 1 diabetes; research using embryonic stem cells, human fetal tissue or human embryos; buildings or capital improvements; hospital and university general fund drives; and general operating costs of hospitals, research institutes, buildings, clinical care clinics, etc.

The Foundation has a strict policy of only paying a maximum overhead of 10% indirect costs on all grants; no overhead is paid on equipment. The Foundation has the right to review all expenditures on grants and has the right to revoke any grant

that is mismanaged (i.e. not spent for the intended purpose, used for projects unrelated to the proposed project, etc.). At times, a select subset of recipients will present their data to the Foundation and/or its' Trustees.

### **TIMELINE**

The Foundation hopes its' funding will help catalyze innovative research. Therefore, the Foundation is accepting applications for projects that have a term of one year. (The funding year for the Foundation is from Spring 2016 – Spring 2017.) Progress and final reports will be requested for all funded grants.

If you are a current grantee of the Foundation, you can be considered for continuation of funding, yet it should not be assumed that there will be continued funding – and other sources of funding should be sought after. Renewal proposals are reviewed competitively amongst the entire applicant pool. Please contact the Foundation if you are currently funded and would like to be considered for further funding.

### **GRANT PROCEDURES**

Grant applicants are encouraged to carefully read this guide as to the Foundation's grant guidelines and instructions. Only those projects that fall within the Foundation's program areas and objectives, and those which meet appropriate criteria will be considered for Foundation support.

### **APPLICATION**

All applicants need to send (a) a PDF of their application and corresponding correspondence and (b) eight (8) hard copies (double-sided copies with 3-hole punched and not stapled) of the application by October 30, 2015 at 5pm Eastern. Please do not fax applications to the Foundation.

Eight copies of the applications should be sent to:  
Iacocca Family Foundation  
867 Boylston Street, 6th Floor  
Boston, MA 02116

The PDF version of the application should be e-mailed to:  
[info@iacoccafoundation.org](mailto:info@iacoccafoundation.org).

Within fifteen business days of receiving an application, a confirmation e-mail will be sent.

Given the small size of the staff for the Foundation, rather than call the Foundation to inquire about the grant process or your grant status, please send inquiries via e-mail to [info@iacoccafoundation.org](mailto:info@iacoccafoundation.org). Your e-mail will be addressed in a timelier manner. All questions requiring an answer prior to the proposal deadline should be submitted on or before October 27, 2015.

**Applications should include the following as on the application template provided:**

1. **Cover Letter and IRS determination letter:** Including a statement of authorization, signed by both the applicant and the authorized director of grant management for your institution. Please include a copy of your organization's IRS determination letter or the equivalent if applying from outside the United States. (Note: The cover letter will not be considered as part of the scientific review.)
2. **Title Page:** The name of the principal investigator, name of the organization, department, address, and contact information; primary contact for grant administration; information pertaining to the current IRS tax status; information regarding past funding from the Iacocca Family Foundation; specific proposal information including project title and the amount of grant support requested; information as to specific project area for this grant; and original signatures of applicant and financial officer.
3. **Lay Summary of Proposal:** No longer than 300 words summarizing the essential elements of the proposal and is separate from a cover letter.
4. **Scientific Proposal:** No longer than three pages that covers the following points in a clear and concise manner:
  - a. Purpose of the project stated in one or two sentences.
  - b. Need for project and problems it addresses.
  - c. Goal of the project, the measurable objectives, the results to be achieved, how the project's goals meet the problems it addresses, and how the project's goals meet the stated objective described within the relevant Foundation program area.
  - d. Project plan and description, which includes project history and past accomplishments; target population to be served including number, age, and location; timeline; specific project activities and how these activities will achieve the project's goals and objectives and the objectives of the Foundation's program areas.
  - e. **Not included** in three-page limit is an additional one page of references for the scientific proposal.
5. **Budget:** For the total project, itemize each area using standard NIH accounting expenditure categories. Indirect expenses may not exceed 10% and should be lower than this if possible. Equipment carries no overhead.
6. **Other Pending Support:** Include a complete list of all pending and active funding sources, including annual and total funding levels and award period. The Foundation requests the grantee disclose any funds received for the grant requested and reserves the right to cancel funding and have any duplicated funding returned.
7. Outline on one page **three major scientific accomplishments:** These past scientific accomplishments should be explained in the context of their impact on science and can be in the form of scientific papers or patent applications.

8. **Biography:** Provide a two-page bio-sketch with a focus on training, faculty positions and publications for the Principal Investigator only. If the proposal is collaborative, please also provide a bio-sketch(es) of the co-collaborator(s) (no more than two pages). If this proposal is in support of a Fellow, please include the bio-sketches for the Fellow and the proposed mentor/supervisor.

#### **FREQUENCY OF APPLICATION**

Due to the volume of grant applications made to the Foundation each year, applicants may make only one application per year.

The Foundation appreciates that there may be many applicants from the same institution. There is no restriction on the number of applications submitted from a single institution, but there should not be overlap with the individuals applying from the same institution.

#### **DEADLINE**

Grant applications should be dated no later than October 30, 2015 by 5pm Eastern. Grant applications will be considered once each year, reviewed by the Foundation's Scientific Advisors and evaluated for a final vote by Trustees. All applicants will be notified as to the Foundation's decision no later than June 30th.

#### **COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

For additional information, please refer to the "Commonly Asked Questions and Answers" document.

***All of us at the Foundation thank you for YOUR commitment in our shared mission of finding a cure for type 1 diabetes!***