

GABRIELLE'S
ANGEL FOUNDATION
FOR CANCER RESEARCH



May 30, 2014

Dear Sir / Madam:

As Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board of Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research, I am writing to solicit your help so our organization can continue to receive the best possible grant applications and fund innovative and insightful medical research on the hematologic malignancies.

For eighteen years, Gabrielle's Angel Foundation has provided significant financial support to promising junior investigators conducting scientific research that can be applied to improving the treatment of patients with these diseases. The focus of the Foundation is clearly stated in its mission statement, which is outlined in the attached materials. To date, Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research has committed \$25 million in grants to more than 130 junior faculty members at the nation's leading institutions.

We request that you identify two (2) outstanding junior faculty members at your institution - one who is conducting mainstream or conventional research and one who is conducting complementary or integrative research - who would be willing to complete and submit the attached grant application for our review. In an effort to receive the most competitive and compelling grant applications, we have attached separate, detailed guidelines for each category. We solicit only a few, select institutions in the United States to submit proposals and will expeditiously review them, so that funds may be committed by December of this year.

You may refer to the attached grant guidelines for submission details, but please have your designee submit his or her completed grant application to the following address so that it is received **no later than Friday, August 15, 2014:**

Christa Justus
Director, Grants & Operations
Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research
14 Penn Plaza, Suite 1704
New York, New York 10122
grants@gabriellesangels.org

Projects will be funded for a three-year period at \$75,000.00 per year (contingent on the submission of acceptable annual progress reports.)

Gabrielle's Angel Foundation remains committed to funding innovative, translational proposals and to supporting promising independent junior investigators, rather than well-established, senior scientists. On behalf of our President and Co-Founder, Denise Rich and Gabrielle's Angel Foundation, we look forward to receiving a grant application (or two) from your institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen D. Nimer'.

Stephen D. Nimer, M.D.
Director
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
University of Miami Health System
Chairman, Gabrielle's Angel Foundation Medical Advisory Board

Integrative Grant Guidelines 2014

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GABRIELLE'S ANGEL FOUNDATION:

- Seeks to support Integrative research projects that explore evidence-based complementary interventions, optimize the manner in which mainstream care is delivered and improve the lives of those living with cancer, specifically the hematologic malignancies.
 - Such Integrative (complementary) therapies may include:
 - Acupuncture
 - Integrative Mind-body interventions
 - Manipulative and body-based therapies
 - Meditation
 - Music therapy
 - Nutrition
 - Physical fitness
 - Use of biologically-based agents (but not in “conventional” ways)
 - Yoga
- Seeks to support clinical trials and/or pre-clinical research that addresses reducing patients’ physical and emotional distress during or after cancer therapy. Examples include:
 - Neurophysiologic, neuroendocrine, and biochemical pathways triggered by massage therapy, including animal studies or instrument-based approaches such as imaging techniques
 - Mechanistic studies of herbs, nutritional supplements, or natural products to enhance cognitive function or treat depression or anxiety
 - Herb-drug interactions
 - Basic biological mechanisms and processes that underlie acupuncture, meditation or yoga including studies in man or animal models or those employing imaging

INTEGRATIVE SUBMISSION SPECIFICS:

- Research must be compelling with firmly grounded scientific rationale and high-quality relevant methodology
- Proposals must reflect a solid grasp of the field and employ pragmatic research methodology and design
- Proposals will be evaluated for creativity, originality and scientific rigor
- Proposals based on promising preliminary data will be favored
- Applicant’s prior experience and competencies will be assessed
- Applications must be no longer than six (6) pages (not including cover page & contact information)

FOR ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION REGARDING TIMING, BUDGET, DEADLINES, ETC. PLEASE REFER TO OUR CONVENTIONAL GRANT GUIDELINES, ATTACHED.

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Christa Justus - Director, Grants & Operations
christa@gabriellesangels.org or (646) 861-2033 Office

Conventional Grant Guidelines 2014

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GABRIELLE'S ANGEL FOUNDATION:

- Does not fund capital projects or worthy individual patient needs
- Issues grants annually and solicits applications by invitation-only
- Accepts only one (1) application per category / per institution:
 - One (1) Mainstream / Conventional research project
 - One (1) Integrative Medicine research project
 - See also additional Integrative guidelines, attached

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Currently hold a junior faculty position at a 501(c)(3) teaching research institution
- Be an Assistant Professor (Associate Professors may **not** apply)
- Have tenure track position & be no more than 5 years in current position
- Have an MD or PhD
- Clearly state that they have both independent research projects and independent resources
- Have preliminary results and / or publications from their independent laboratory

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- Applicant's NIH Biosketch and same for every researcher listed on the project
- Detailed proposal of the research project
- Description of the project in lay terms (50 words or less)
- Letter of reference from the institution, commonly from the applicant's mentor or nominating committee member
- Separate page with contact information (address, phone numbers, e-mails) for both the applicant and the controller / financial officer of the institution to whom payments should be made
- Statement about any potential biohazards describing the safeguards used to prevent such hazards to the investigator, other personnel or any other individuals – *Gabrielle's Angel Foundation assumes no responsibility or liability for any such biohazards and shall be held harmless from the results of the use of any such biohazard materials.*

SUBMISSION TIMING:

- Electronic submission of the complete application must be received to grants@gabriellesangels.org **no later than 5PM EST** on deadline date (see below).
- Three (3) hard copies (one original/two copies) of your complete application must be sent to the Foundation office & postmarked by 5PM EST on deadline date (see below).

BUDGET INFORMATION:

- The total award shall not exceed \$225,000 (\$75,000.00 per year over 3 years)
- Overhead (i.e. indirect) costs cannot exceed 10% (or \$22,500) of the total grant award (or \$7,500/per year)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

The next deadline to receive applications is:

Friday, August 15, 2014

Applicants will be notified of determinations by:

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

E-MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

grants@gabriellesangels.org

SEND HARD COPIES TO:

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