



HOPA Early Career Research Grant

Request for Applications

Interested applicants for the HOPA Early Career Research Grant must submit a full research proposal for their application. The application serves to permit assessment of eligibility for the award and the identification of qualified reviewers for the HOPA Research Grant Reviewers Committee.

Projects should align closely with the HOPA strategic imperative to support pharmacist-led research that advances patient care and the profession itself. HOPA is interested in supporting the following areas of research:

- Clinical or patient outcomes
- Surveys
- Patient safety
- Standards validation/benchmarking
- Basic/translational science
- Quality improvement projects

The application format must include the items below in the specified order:

1. PI Information:

Post-graduate training completed (select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> PGY1 <input type="checkbox"/> PGY2 <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Other degree (MS, MPH, PhD)
Years since most recent post-PharmD clinical/research training	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-7 years <input type="checkbox"/> 8+ years
Has received extramural research funding of or greater than \$10,000 as a Principal Investigator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Based in the United States	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2. Study title and an overall objective statement
3. The relevance to the HOPA Strategic Plan
4. Background literature and summary of preliminary data (if any)
5. Specific aims and the hypothesis or hypotheses to be tested
6. Summary of the methods or procedures
7. Enrollment plan with site-specific number and projections
8. Statistical justification for sample size, experimental design, and plan for result evaluation
9. Statement of mentor information and mentorship plan

10. Timeline of project demonstrating feasibility of study completion within two years of receipt of funding
11. References/Bibliography
12. NIH-formatted biosketch for the PI, any co-PIs, and the research mentor
13. Detailed budget

Obtain the biosketch form at the following link:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>

Format Specifications

Font

- Typeface: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, or Georgia
 - Symbol font may be used to insert Greek letters or other special characters as needed
- Font Color: Black
- Font Size: 11 points or larger

Paper Size and Page Margins

- Paper Size: Standard (8.5" x 11")
- Page Margins: One-half inch or larger for all pages on top, bottom, left, and right
 - This also applies to continuation pages
 - No information is allowed in the margins, including investigator name(s) and page numbers

Document Format

- The proposal must be submitted as one singular PDF file with all items in the specified order

Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill the following criteria to be eligible for ECRG consideration:

- U.S.-based pharmacists who have completed their formal post-graduate training within the past seven years
- Principal Investigator (PI) must not have attained R21 (NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award) level funding
- PI is required to work with a mentor, who may be from their sponsoring institution or another institution in the U.S.
- Both PI and mentor must be active HOPA members in good standing
 - Co-PIs are encouraged, but not required, to be active HOPA members
 - HOPA members who pay their dues on time are considered active
- Previous ECRG recipients are *ineligible* to reapply for the same grant

Proposals must fulfill the following criteria to be eligible for ECRG consideration:

- Single and multiple institution studies are allowed
- Preliminary budget cannot exceed \$50,000
- The project must advance hematology/oncology pharmacy practice in alignment with the [HOPA Strategic Plan](#)

**STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE IS
NECESSARY OR THE PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**

Reviews

The HOPA Research Grant Reviewers Committee will evaluate each complete application and select projects to receive the ECRG award. If needed, additional ad hoc members may assist the review panel as subject matter experts to provide the expertise to evaluate each proposal.

The reviewers will not score proposals that are infeasible due to cost, completion within the timeframe, or lack of statistical plan, as well as proposals submitted by applicants who do not meet all grant eligibility criteria. HOPA will provide a summary of feedback for all submitted applications at the discretion of the review panel.

For any questions or clarifications, contact research@hoparx.org.