



**Pfizer Announces a [Fellowship Grant RFP](#)**  
***2022 Rheumatology Fellowship***  
***Competitive Grant Program – using expert review panel***

**I. Background**

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG) supports the global healthcare community's independent initiatives (e.g., research, quality improvement or education) to improve patient outcomes in areas of unmet medical need that are aligned with Pfizer's medical and/or scientific strategies.

Pfizer's GMG competitive grant program involves a publicly posted Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides detail regarding a specific area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an external review panel (ERP). Institutions are invited to submit an application as outlined in the specific RFP.

This RFP reflects Pfizer's commitment to advancing research, innovation, and training for medical, nursing, and allied health professionals.

## II. Eligibility

<b>Geographic Scope:</b>	United States
<b>Applicant Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accredited, US-based academic institution.</li> <li>• Do <u>not</u> include the name of the potential fellow(s) in application materials. This grant will be awarded to an institution, not an individual.</li> <li>• Institutions with fellowship programs that include independent research and a strong mentoring program. Clinical training may be included in the program but is not required.</li> <li>• No aspect of the fellowship program can benefit Pfizer’s business or a Pfizer asset.</li> <li>• Examples of independent research include: observational studies and outcomes research studies where the primary focus is the scientific understanding of disease; use of screening tools and their impact on improvement of patient health.                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Examples of research that would <b>not</b> be eligible include research involving the study and/or evaluation of any pharmaceutical product and basic science and/or fundamental research (in animal model, in-vitro, etc.).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Examples of clinical training include: educational time with an interdisciplinary team in review of case examples and relevant didactic training as well as use of tools for improvement in patient health for specific therapeutic areas or conditions.</li> <li>• Fellow time spent in the clinical setting that is supported through grant funds must not be billed as patient care.</li> </ul>

## III. Requirements

<b>Date RFP Issued</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 9, 2021</li> </ul>
<b>Specific Area of Interest for this RFP</b>	<p>The goal of this RFP is to offer salary support for Rheumatology Fellowship programs. It is our intent to support fellowship programs at institutions with clinical training programs in regions where there are continued workforce challenges and have a strong focus on clinical practice, research, and education to further the understanding of rheumatological diseases. Programs that prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) principles in rheumatology, address health care disparities, social determinants of health and/or include a focus on the pediatric rheumatology patient, will also be considered. Grants will be awarded based on the strength of the requesting organization’s ability to provide expert mentorship, training, and guidance to</p>

	the fellow.
<b>Requirements for Prospective Fellows:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institution must ensure that any fellow that will receive grant funds must be a U.S. Worker (U.S. citizen, permanent resident, refugee, or asylee), or hold an appropriate non-immigrant visa status authorizing employment in the U.S.</li> <li>• U.S. Physician Payments Sunshine Act (“Sunshine Act”) and other transparency law requirements must be satisfied with respect to meals, payments, and other transfers of value. As a condition of the grant, the selected fellow will be named in transparency reporting as a recipient of grant funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant funding is available to support one fellow for up to a year at \$80,000. The budget can include salary and support of the fellow benefits.</li> <li>• Grant funds cannot be used for overhead or indirect costs.</li> <li>• Funding will be awarded to the institution, not an individual.</li> <li>• Fellow time spent in the clinical setting that is supported through grant funds must not be billed as patient care.</li> <li>• No aspect of the fellowship program budget can reflect a benefit to Pfizer’s business or a Pfizer asset.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Dates:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFP release date: December 9, 2021</li> <li>• Full Proposal Deadline: February 15, 2022* <i>Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Time (New York, GMT -5).</i></li> <li>• Review of Full Proposals by Expert Review Panel: March 2022</li> <li>• Anticipated Full Proposal Notification Date: April 2022</li> <li>• Grants distributed following execution of fully signed Letter of Agreement</li> <li>• Anticipated Earliest Possible Project Start Date: June 2022</li> </ul>
<b>How to Submit:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please go to <a href="http://www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/GMGFellowship">http://www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/GMGFellowship</a> and sign in. First-time users should click “Create new password”.</li> <li>• Click the “Start A New Fellowship Application” button.</li> <li>• Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: 2022 I&amp;I L – US</li> </ul>

	<p>Rheumatology Fellowship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirements for submission:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Complete all required sections of the online application</li><li>○ Upload Proposal (see Appendix).</li><li>○ Upload Budget file</li></ul></li><li>• If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click the “Technical Questions” link at the bottom of the page.</li></ul>
<b>Questions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to the Grant Officer, Beth Brillinger (<a href="mailto:beth.brillinger@pfizer.com">beth.brillinger@pfizer.com</a>), with the subject line “2022 Rheumatology US Fellowship.”</li></ul>
<b>Review and Approval Process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A specific grant program RFP uses an expert review panel (ERP) to make final grant decisions.</li><li>• The panels are comprised of professionals from the medical community with advanced degrees and expertise in particular clinical areas, or specific needs of a geographic region/learner group, or expertise in research, continuing professional development or quality improvement</li></ul>
<b>Mechanism by which Applicants will be Notified:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All applicants will be notified via email by the dates noted above.</li><li>• Applicants may be asked for additional clarification during the review period.</li></ul>

## Appendix A

### Proposal Requirements

The proposal should be submitted in Word or a PDF. This document should be formatted with single-spaced using 12-point font and 1-inch margins and should not exceed 10-15 pages.

<b>Cover Page</b> (not to exceed 1 page)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Title: Please include the fellowship title, and main institutions</li> <li>Abstract: Please include an abstract summary of your proposal including the goal of the fellowship, methods the institution uses to support the fellow’s training and research, and assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Overall Goals and Objectives of the Fellowship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the overall goal of the fellowship.</li> <li>Describe the focus of research and/or clinical training as applicable that is being supported in general terms based on the categorizations listed in this application.</li> </ul>
<b>Methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please describe the mentoring process.</li> <li>Include a description of the methods used to support the fellow and their research and/or clinical training.</li> </ul>
<b>Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please describe the institution’s academic, clinical training, and research capacity.</li> <li>Describe the facilities/resources that are made available to the fellow.</li> <li>Provide a summary of relevant past work that is applicable.</li> </ul>
<b>Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please provide a summary of potential challenges and of plans for addressing those challenges</li> </ul>
<b>Institutional Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Division Head/ Department Chair Letter of Support.</li> <li>Primary mentor; Secondary mentor (if applicable) Letter of Support</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget: Address any additional sources of financial support for this proposal, including current and pending sources of funding</li> <li>Any request for funds beyond salary support will not be provided as part of the award</li> </ul>
<b>Anticipated Project Timeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an anticipated timeline for your project including project start/end dates</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is any additional information you feel Pfizer should be aware of concerning the importance of this project, please summarize here</li> </ul>

## Budget Requirements

The budget should be submitted in Excel. There is no page limit.