

Pfizer Independent Medical Education RFP

Improving Health Equity via Clinical Trial Capability Development in China

Competitive Grant Program –Pfizer Internal Review Process



Overview

To improve patient enrollment and data quality in clinical trials for Chinese population, this competitive program seeks to increase training for diverse clinical trial investigators, researchers, and study participants in China.



Geographic Scope

China



Project Types and Area of Interest

Potential applicants are encouraged to provide education programs to clinical researchers or study participants, improve their operation capabilities and/or understanding in clinical research, especially with a focus on education on adoption of new strategy/technology platform for study operation, employing innovative strategies, trainings, education, and communication methods to help clinical trial participants better understand basic concept of clinical trials, and other education programs promoting qualitative clinical trial equity and diversity.

Key Milestones

- Application submission deadline: **May 25, 2023**
- Anticipated decision notification date: **July 12, 2023**
- Anticipated project start date: **August 12, 2023**



Funding Range and Project Length

Individual projects requesting up to \$50,000 will be considered. The estimated total available budget related to this RFP is \$300,000.



I. Eligibility

Geographic Scope:

- China

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Only organizations are eligible to receive grants, not individuals or medical practice groups.
- The following may apply: medical, nursing, allied health, and/or pharmacy professional schools; healthcare institutions (both large and small); professional associations and medical societies; medical education companies; and other entities with a mission related to healthcare professional education and/or healthcare improvement.
- If the project involves multiple departments within an institution and/or between different institutions / organizations / associations. All institutions must have a relevant role and the requesting organization must have a key role in the project.
- For projects offering continuing education credit, the requesting organization must be accredited.

II. Requirements

Date RFP Issued

- March 16, 2023

Clinical Area

- No specific Clinical Area

General Area of Interest for this RFP:

The intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to provide an independent educational grant to an organization or organizations in China, that will provide education programs to clinical researchers or study participants. Aiming to improve their operation capabilities and/or understanding in clinical research, especially with a focus on:

- Education on adoption of new strategy/technology platform for study operation; e.g accelerating study set up, adopting of Central Ethics Committee review, and Decentralized Clinical Trial (DCT).
- Education on employing innovative strategies, trainings, education, and communication methods to help clinical trial participants better understand the basics concept of clinical trials, especially early phase trials, patient protection principles, patient rights, and inform consent
- Other education programs promoting qualitative clinical trial equity and diversity, such as: improvement of early/accurate diagnosis of diseases; improve trial quality and data integrity etc.

For applying organizations not based in China, it will be important for your organization to explain and/or demonstrate how you plan to collaborate or partner with local institutions within China and how you can comply with Chinese privacy and data protection requirements to accomplish proposed goal.

It is not our intent to support clinical research projects. Projects evaluating the efficacy of therapeutic or diagnostic agents will not be considered.

Target Audience

- Academic and healthcare organizations with an interest in clinical research related education or conducting clinical research.

Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications:

- Individual projects requesting up to \$50,000 USD will be considered. Higher amounts will be considered if justified. The estimated total available budget related to this RFP is \$300,000 USD.
- Award amounts include direct costs, institutional overhead costs (capped at 28% per Pfizer policy), and indirect costs.

Key Dates:

- RFP release date: March 16, 2023
- Grant Application due date: May 25, 2023
Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g., New York, GMT -5).
- Anticipated Grant Award Notification Date: July 12, 2023
- Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement.
- Anticipated Project Start and End Dates: August 12, 2023 to December 31, 2024

How to Submit:

Note: Please read this section carefully since applications submitted not following these instructions will not be accepted and will be cancelled

- Please go to <https://www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/IndependentMedEd> and sign in. First-time users should click "Create your password". *[Note: there are individual portals for each grant application type. Please be sure to use the URL above.]*
- Click the "Start a New Independent Medical Education Application" button.
- In the application:
 - For the question "What type of request are you submitting?" select Response to a Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - For the question "Are you replying to a Request for Proposal (RFP) as part of the Competitive Grant Program?" select Yes
 - Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: 2023 GMG GPD CN Improving Health Equity via Clinical Trial Capability Development in China IME
- Select the following Primary Area of Interest: Support for Profession/Professions
- Requirements for submission:
Complete all required sections of the online application and upload your project proposal (see Appendix) in the General RFP Submission field. You can upload your proposal written in English or in Chinese.
- If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click the "Technical Questions" link at the bottom of the page.

IMPORTANT: Be advised applications submitted after the due date will not be reviewed.

Questions:

- If you have questions regarding this RFP, please address them in writing to Juan Liu, and email directly to: GMGChina@Pfizer.com, with the subject line "2023 GMG GPD CN Improving Health Equity via Clinical Trial Capability Development in China IME."

Grant Agreements:

- If your grant is approved, your institution will be required to enter into a written grant agreement with Pfizer. Please click [here](#) to view the core terms of the agreement.
- Pfizer has drafted the terms of these agreements to be balanced and reasonable and to further the goals of both parties. Negotiating grant agreements requires significant resources, so please ensure that your

institution (including your legal department) is able and willing to abide by these terms before proceeding with submission of your application as they will need to be accepted in their entirety.

- Payment will only be made to requesting Institution.

Review and Approval Process

- Grant requests received in response to a general RFP are reviewed by Pfizer to make final grant decisions.

Mechanism by which Applicants will be Notified:

- All applicants will be notified via email by the dates noted above.
- Applicants may be asked for additional clarification during the review period.

References

- FDA, Draft Guidance Diversity Plans to Improve Enrollment of Participants from Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Populations in Clinical Trials Guidance for Industry. Available at [Diversity Plans to Improve Enrollment of Participants from Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Populations in Clinical Trials Guidance for Industry \(aboutblaw.com\)](#) (Accessed 11 March 2023)

About Pfizer Global Medical Grants

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 general Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides detail regarding a general area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an internal Pfizer review process to make final grant decisions. Organizations are invited to submit an application addressing the knowledge gaps as outlined in the specific RFP.

For all independent medical education grants, the grant requester (and ultimately the grantee) is responsible for the design, implementation, and conduct of the independent initiative supported by the grant. Pfizer must not be involved in any aspect of project development, nor the conduct of the independent education program.

Appendix

General RFP Submission Requirements

Applications will be accepted via the online portal listed in the [How to Submit](#) section. Project Proposals should be single-spaced using Calibri 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Note there is a 15-page limit exclusive of references. When uploading your Project Proposal please ensure it addresses the following sections:

Goals and Objectives

- Briefly state the overall goal of the project.
- List the objectives you plan to meet with your project, in terms of learning and expected outcomes.

Needs Assessment for the Project

- Include a description of your organization's needs assessment for this proposed project which may include a quantitative baseline data summary, initial metrics, or a project starting point (please cite data on gap analyses or relevant patient-level data that informs the stated objectives) in your target area.

Target Audience

- Describe the primary audience(s) targeted for this project. Indicate whom you believe will directly benefit from the project outcomes. Describe the overall population size as well as the size of your sample population.

Project Design and Methods

- Describe the planned project, the educational approach, and the way the planned methods address the established need.

Innovation

- Explain what measures you have taken to assure that this project is original and does not duplicate other projects or materials already developed. Describe how this project builds upon existing work, pilot projects, or ongoing projects developed either by your institution or other institutions.

Evaluation and Outcomes

- In terms of the metrics used for the needs assessment, describe how your organization will determine if the gap was addressed for the target group. Identify the sources of data your organization anticipates using to make the determination. Describe how your organization is expected to collect and analyze the data. Explain the method used to control for other factors outside this project (e.g., use of a control group or comparison with baseline data). Quantify the amount of change expected from this project in terms the target audience. Describe how your organization will determine if the target audience was fully engaged in the project.

Dissemination Plan

- Describe how the project may have extended benefit beyond the grant. Will the teaching materials be made available to others to use? Will there be tools or resources that are made publicly available beyond the initial project. Describe how the project outcomes might be broadly disseminated.

Anticipated Project Timeline

- Provide an anticipated timeline for your project including project start/end dates.

Additional Information

- If there is any additional information you feel Pfizer should be aware of concerning the importance of this project, please summarize here

Organization Detail

- Describe the attributes of the institutions / organizations / associations that will support and facilitate the execution of the project and the leadership of the proposed project. Articulate the specific role of each partner in the proposed project.

Budget Detail

- The budget amount requested must be in Chinese Yuan (CNY).
- Please include a budget narrative that describes in greater detail the line items specified in the budget submitted within the application
- While estimating your budget please keep the following items in mind:
 - Independent Medical Education Grants awarded by GMG cannot be used to purchase therapeutic assets (prescription or non-prescription).
 - Overhead rates of up to 28% of the total proposed project budget may be supported by Pfizer. Please [click here](#) for details.
 - Food and/or beverages for Participants/Attendees will not be supported for this specific RFP.