

# Pfizer Independent Medical Education RFP

## *An Accord for a Healthier World: Preceptorships for Rheumatology*

Competitive Grant Program – Pfizer Internal Review Process



### Overview

This competitive program seeks to provide grant funding to one or more organizations in African French Speaking Countries to develop and deliver an in-depth and hands-on preceptorship program to enhance the knowledge and skills of clinicians practicing medicine in these countries, ultimately improving the quality of care for patients with rheumatic diseases.



### Geographic Scope

French Speaking Countries in Africa

[French Speaking Countries in Africa - WorldAtlas](#)



### Project Types and Area of Interest

The successful host institution(s) will be expected to develop and deliver an immersive learning experience for Trainees that has the following key features:

- Preceptorship curriculum duration of 1-2 weeks
- A mix of hands-on and didactic learning for Trainees
- Preceptorship program may be repeated 2 or more times over the course of the year following provision of the grant
- Each incidence of the program to be capable of hosting 3-5 Trainees
- A budget which includes reasonable travel and accommodation expenses for the Trainees
- Program delivered in French

Successful host institution(s) will demonstrate a commitment to excellence in patient care as well as life-long learning for physicians.



### Key Milestones

- Application submission deadline: **01 September 2023**
- Anticipated decision notification date: **15 November 2023**
- Anticipated project start date: on or after **20 December 2023**



### Funding Range and Project Length

The total budget available for this preceptorship RFP is \$500,000 USD. The budget range for projects considered will be \$30,000 to \$100,000. It is anticipated that multiple grants will be funded to cover more than one preceptorship program. Funding requests should be commensurate with the scale of the proposed initiative.

## I. Eligibility

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### Geographic Scope:

- French Speaking Countries in Africa

### Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Only organizations are eligible to receive grants, not individuals or medical practice groups.
- The following may apply: medical, dental, nursing, allied health, and/or pharmacy professional schools; healthcare institutions (both large and small); professional organizations/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.
- The applicant must be the project/program lead or an authorized designee of such individual (e.g., project/program lead's grant coordinator).
- The project/program lead must be an employee or independent contractor of the requesting organization.
- Requesting organization must be legally able to receive award funding directly from Pfizer Inc. We strongly recommend that applicants confirm this with their organization or institution prior to submitting an application. Grants awarded to organizations that are subsequently found to be unable to accept funding directly from Pfizer Inc. may be subject to rescission.
- For projects offering continuing education credit, the requesting organization must be accredited.

## II. Requirements

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### Date RFP Issued:

- 26 July 2023

### Clinical Area:

- Rheumatology

### General Area of Interest for this RFP:

- Potential applicants are encouraged to identify and bridge the gaps in rheumatology care and provide sustainable solutions tailored to the unique challenges in these countries. It is expected that the funded preceptorship host(s) institutions will develop a program that will consist of clinical observation, one-on-one or small group faculty instruction and didactic learning modalities to increase knowledge and competency in relation to all aspects of the management of rheumatic diseases.

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:

- Healthcare organizations responsible for the care of rheumatology patients

### Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications:

- Individual projects requesting \$30,000 to \$100,000 will be considered. The estimated total available budget related to this RFP is \$500,000 USD.
- Award amounts include direct costs, institutional overhead costs (capped at 28% per Pfizer policy), and indirect costs.

## Key Dates:

- RFP release date: **26 July 2023**
- Grant Application due date: **01 September 2023**  
Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g., New York, GMT -5).
- Anticipated Grant Award Notification Date: **15 November 2023**
- Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement.
- Anticipated Project Start and End Dates: **20 December 2023 to 20 December 2025**

## 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 [www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/knowledge](http://www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/knowledge) and sign in. First-time users should click “Create your password”.
- Click the “Start A New Knowledge Gap 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 I&I MERA Preceptorships for Rheumatology IME
  - Select the following Primary Area of Interest: Rheumatology
- Requirements for submission:
  - Complete all required sections of the online application and upload your project proposal (see Appendix) in the General RFP Submission field.
  - **Proposals can be submitted in English or/and in French.**
- 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 direct them in writing to the Grant Officer, Camille Jimenez, ([Camille.Jimenez@pfizer.com](mailto:Camille.Jimenez@pfizer.com)), with the subject line “Preceptorships for Rheumatology from French Speaking Countries, 26 July 2023.”

## 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.
- Under Pfizer's competitive grant program, modifications to grant agreements will not be reviewed unless a genuine conflict exists as between applicable law and the terms of the relevant grant agreement. Applicant is encouraged to share the core terms with counsel for approval prior to submitting an application.
- Except where prohibited by applicable law and, in any case, subject to review by Pfizer Legal, payment of grant funding may only be paid to the grantee organization.
- This RFP is supported by Pfizer Inc. and, if approved, payment will be sent from the United States.

## 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:

- Mody GM. Rheumatology in Africa — challenges and opportunities. *Arthritis Res. Ther.* 2017;19:49.
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### 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

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### 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 U.S. dollars (USD).
- 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.