



# Pfizer Fellowship Grant RFP

## 2023 Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Fellowship – India

Competitive Grant Program – using Expert Review Panel

### Overview

It is our intent to support institutions with fellowship programs for gastroenterologists/ physicians working in the field of gastroenterology, that have a strong focus on clinical practice, research, and education.

### Geographic Scope

India

### Project Types and Area of Interest

IBD Fellowship

The goal of this RFP is to offer remuneration for the fellow enrolled as part of the IBD fellowship program. Grants will be awarded based on the strength of the requesting organization's ability to provide expert mentorship, training, and guidance to the fellow.

### Key Milestones

- Application submission deadline: **September 22, 2023**
- Anticipated decision notification date: **November 20, 2023**
- Anticipated project start date: **January 2024**

### Funding Range and Project Length

Funding will be for 10 institutes for hosting 1 year fellowships.

## I. Eligibility

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### Geographic Scope:

- India

### Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Accredited Academic institution/ tertiary care hospitals with interest in supporting both established and emerging programs in IBD gastroenterology.
- Do not include the name of the potential fellow(s) in application materials. This grant will be awarded to an institution, not an individual.
- 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.
- No aspect of the fellowship program can benefit Pfizer's business or a Pfizer asset.
- 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.
  - Examples of research that would **not** 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.).
- 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.
- Fellow time spent in the clinical setting that is supported through grant funds must not be billed as patient care.
- Should possess valid FCRA certificate or exemption.

## II. Requirements

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### Date RFP Issued

- August 17, 2023

### Specific Area of Interest for this RFP:

- It is our intent to support institutions with fellowship programs for gastroenterologists/ physicians working in the field of gastroenterology, that have a strong focus on clinical practice, research, and education to further the understanding/strengthening for proper diagnosis and management of chronic immune-gastroenterological diseases like UC and CD.
- Programs that prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) principles, address health care disparities, social determinants of health are always encouraged. Grants will be awarded based on the strength of the requesting organization's ability to provide expert mentorship, training, and guidance to the fellow.
- Projects evaluating the efficacy of therapeutic or diagnostic agents will not be considered.

### Requirements for Prospective Fellows:

- Institution must ensure that any fellow that will receive grant funds should be an Indian citizen, resident in India during the time of application and pursuit of the fellowship.

### Budget

- Grant funding is available to support one fellow for up to a year up to \$25,000USD. The budget can only include salary and support of the fellow benefits. Approximately 10 Fellowships will be supported. Total potential funding available is \$250,000USD.
- Grant funds cannot be used for overhead or indirect costs.
- Funding will be awarded to the institution, not an individual.
- Fellow time spent in the clinical setting that is supported through grant funds must not be billed as patient care.
- No aspect of the fellowship program budget can reflect a benefit to Pfizer's business or a Pfizer asset.

### Target Audience

- Accredited Academic institution/ tertiary care hospitals

### Key Dates:

- RFP Release Date: **August 17, 2023**
- Full Proposal Due Date: **September 22, 2023**  
Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g., New York, GMT -5).
- Review of Full Proposals by ERP: **October 20, 2023**
- Anticipated Full Proposal Notification Date: **November 20, 2023**
- Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement.
- Anticipated Project Start and End Dates: **January 2024 to January 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/GMGFellowship](http://www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/GMGFellowship) and sign in. First-time users should click "Create your password".
- Click the "Start A New Fellowship Application" button.
- Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: 2023 I&I India ERP IBD FEL
- Requirements for submission:
  - Complete all required sections of the online application
  - Upload Proposal (see Appendix).
- 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, Renee Yip ([Renee.Yip@pfizer.com](mailto:Renee.Yip@pfizer.com)), with the subject line "2023 IBD India Fellowship, August 17, 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.
- 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.

- This RFP is supported by Pfizer Inc. and, if approved, payment will be sent from the United States.
- Payment will only be made to requesting Institution.

### Review and Approval Process

- A specific grant program RFP uses an expert review panel (ERP) to make final grant decisions.
- 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.

### 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.

### 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 Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides detail regarding a specific area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an expert 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.

## Appendix

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### Proposal Requirements

Applications will be accepted via the online portal listed in the [How to Submit](#) section. 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. When uploading your proposal please ensure it addresses the following sections:

#### Cover Page (not to exceed 1 page)

- Title: Please include the fellowship title, and main institutions
- 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.

#### Overall Goals and Objectives of the Fellowship

- Describe the overall goal of the fellowship.
- 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.

#### Methods

- Please describe the mentoring process.
- Include a description of the methods used to support the fellow and their research and/or clinical training.

#### Resources

- Please describe the institution's academic, clinical training, and research capacity.
- Describe the facilities/resources that are made available to the fellow.
- Provide a summary of relevant past work that is applicable.

#### Challenges

- Please provide a summary of potential challenges and of plans for addressing those challenges.

#### Institutional Support

- Division Head/ Department Chair Letter of Support.
- Primary mentor; Secondary mentor (if applicable) Letter of Support.

#### Budget

- Budget: Address any additional sources of financial support for this proposal, including current and pending sources of funding.
- Any request for funds beyond salary support will not be provided as part of the award.

#### 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.