# Pfizer Research Grant RFP

## *Cancer Registry*

Competitive Grant Program– Pfizer Internal Review Process

### Overview

This competitive program seeks to support the establishment of a cancer registry to improve the research and treatment environment of patients living with cancer in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### Geographic Scope

Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### Project Types and Area of Interest

A patient registry is an organized system that uses observational study methods to collect uniform data clinical and other to evaluate specified outcomes for a population defined by a particular disease condition or exposure and that serves one or more predetermined scientific clinical or policy purposes.

Cancer registry information can have direct effects on care, with the potential to improve patient outcomes over time. In addition to the effects on patient care, the data provided by registries provide a framework for assessing and controlling the impact of cancer in the community.

Through this RFP it is our intent to support establishment of a cancer registry to improve the research and treatment environment of patients living with cancer in Democratic Republic of the Congo. The grantee should initiate and maintain this registry.

### Key Milestones

- Application submission deadline: **May 30, 2024**
- Anticipated decision notification date: **June 30, 2024**
- Anticipated project start date: **October 2024**

### Funding Range and Length of Grant Support

Individual projects requesting up to $100,000 will be considered. The estimated total available budget related to this RFP is $100,000. Maximum length of grant support is 2 years; however, the intent is for the registry to remain active and maintained with other non-Pfizer sources of funding beyond the length of this grant support.

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# I. Eligibility

## Geographic Scope:

- Democratic Republic of the Congo

## Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- The institution and Principal Investigator (PI) must be based in the eligible country noted above.
- Only organizations are eligible to receive grants, not individuals or medical practice groups.
- 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 PI must have a medical or postdoctoral degree (MD, PhD, or equivalent), an advanced nursing degree (BSN with a MS/PhD), or a degree in Pharmacy, or Social Work.
- The applicant must be the PI or an authorized designee of such individual (e.g., PI's research coordinator).
- The PI 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.

# II. Requirements

## Date RFP Issued

- April 22, 2024

## Clinical Area

- Oncology

## General Area of Interest for this RFP:

- Projects that will be considered for Pfizer support will focus establishing and maintaining a cancer registry system.

## Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications:

- Individual projects requesting up to $100,000 will be considered. The estimated total available budget related to this RFP is $100,000.

## Key Dates:

- RFP release date: **April 22, 2024**
- Grant Application due date: **May 30, 2024**
  Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g., New York, GMT -5).
- Anticipated Grant Award Notification Date: **June 30, 2024**
- Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement and submission of Final Protocol, documentation of IRB/IEC approval, regulatory approval (if applicable), exemption or waiver.
- Anticipated Project Start and End Dates: **October 2024** to **October 2026**

## 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/Research 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 Research Grant Application" button.
- In the application:
  - For the question “Competitive Grant?” select Yes
  - Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: 2024 ONC MERA Cancer Registry RES
  - Select the following Primary Area of Interest: Oncology- General/ Non-specific/ Other- RES.
- Requirements for submission:

  Complete all required sections of the online application and upload your project proposal (see Appendix) in the Proposal/Protocol field.
- 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, Rehab Elsaie (Rehab.Z.Elsaie@pfizer.com), with the subject line “Cancer Registry April 22, 2024”
- Please click here to view Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Competitive Grant Program.

## 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.
- Pfizer reserves the right to award grants as it sees fit in accordance with its evaluation of the anticipated patient and community benefit related to the proposed project. As such, Pfizer is under no obligation to issue a grant nor to fully utilize the total proposed budget.

## 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


- Gliklich RE and Dreyer NA. Registries for evaluating patient outcomes, 3rd edition: A User's guide, 2014.
- Omonisi AE, Liu B, Parkin DM. Population-based cancer registration in sub-Saharan Africa: its role in research and cancer control. JCO Glob Oncol 2020; 6: 1721–28.


## 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 research gaps as outlined in the specific RFP.

For all Investigator Sponsored Research (ISRs) and general research grants, the grant requester (and ultimately the grantee) is responsible for the design, implementation, sponsorship, and conduct of the independent initiative supported by the grant, including compliance with any regulatory requirements. Pfizer must not be involved in any aspect of study protocol or project development, nor the conduct or monitoring of the research program. An ISR grant request cannot be submitted for a study that has already commenced and was not originally supported by Pfizer.

# Appendix

**General RFP Submission Requirements**

Applications will be accepted via the online portal listed in the How to Submit section. Project Proposals/Protocols 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 Full Proposal please ensure it addresses the following sections:

## Goals and Objectives

- Provide the main goal of the study and the study population (if applicable). Provide a detailed definition that is directly linked to the primary objective.

## Assessment of Need for the Project

- This should reflect your study rationale. Provide a brief description of the medical/scientific question and the rationale of how this trial or study addresses the question.

## Target Audience

- Describe the primary audience(s) targeted for this project. For Investigator Sponsored Clinical Trials, please specify the age, gender and other demographic information for trial population.
- Also 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 concisely the research design and methods for achieving the stated goals. For a clinical interventional study, include inclusion/exclusion criteria, treatment plan and statistical plan.

## Innovation

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

## Evaluation and Outcomes

- Specify type and frequency of safety, efficacy, and/or outcome measures. Also indicate the method(s) used to assess measures.
- Provide a publication plan describing intended submission of abstracts to (a) congress(es) or intended submission of (a) publication(s) to peer-reviewed journals.

## Anticipated Project Timeline

- Provide an anticipated timeline for your project including project start/end dates.
    - An ISR grant request cannot be submitted for a study that has already commenced and was not originally supported by Pfizer.

## Additional Information

- If there is any additional information you feel Pfizer should be aware of concerning the importance of this project, please summarize here.
- Early-career applicants: Letter(s) of support from mentor(s) and collaborators describing how the award will advance the applicant's career.

## Organization Detail

- This information is used to assess the capability of the organizational resources available to perform the effort proposed. Identify the facilities to be used [laboratory, animal, clinical and “other”]. If appropriate, indicate their capacities, pertinent capabilities, relative proximity and extent of availability to the project.

## Budget Detail

- The budget amount requested must be in U.S. dollars (USD).
- While estimating your budget please keep the following items in mind:
  - General organizational running costs such as insurances, heating, lighting, rent, building maintenance may be included. Pfizer does not provide funding for capital purchases (infrastructure expenses such as equipment, purchases of software or software licenses, technology or bricks and mortar). Equipment hire/leasing is acceptable and may be included in project budget.
  - The inclusion of these costs cannot cause the amount requested to exceed the budget limit set forth in the RFP.
  - It should be noted that grants awarded through GMG cannot be used to purchase Pfizer therapeutic agents (prescription or non-prescription).
- Pfizer maintains a company-wide, maximum allowed overhead rate of 28% for independent studies and projects. Please click here for details.