



Request For Proposals

Optimal management of patients with prostate cancer receiving androgen deprivation therapy (ADT)

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I. Background

Pfizer Inc. and Sumitomo Pharma¹ are collaborating to provide grant support for continuing professional education in prostate cancer to improve patient outcomes in areas of unmet medical need that are aligned with our joint medical and/or scientific strategies.

This publicly posted Request for Proposal (RFP) provides details regarding a general area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an internal company-alliance review process to make final grant decisions. Organizations are invited to submit an application addressing the knowledge gaps as outlined in the 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 Inc. and Sumitomo Pharma must not be involved in any aspect of project development, nor the conduct of the independent education program.

II. General Area of Interest for this RFP

According to the updated NCCN guidelines (Version 4.2024, 05/17/24 © 2024 National Comprehensive Cancer Network®), Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT) is an appropriate treatment for patients with advanced prostate cancer and may be used alone in select patient populations, or more commonly, in combination with other therapeutic options. It is therefore important for oncologists, urologists, nurses and all members of the multi-disciplinary care team to be educated on the safe and effective use of ADT in combination with other agents. This can include optimal side effect management and understanding patient preferences with the overarching goal of improving the quality of life for patients being treated with ADT.

¹ "Sumitomo Pharma" refers to Sumitomo Pharma America, Inc. and its affiliate companies including, but not limited to, Sumitomo Pharma Switzerland GmbH.

This competitive grant program seeks to support independent medical education activities that will increase knowledge and optimize care of patients with prostate cancer being treated with ADT. Projects considered for grant support will focus on one or more of the following:

- Increasing awareness and understanding of the relationship between testosterone recovery and quality of life and the importance of routine monitoring of testosterone in advanced prostate cancer patients treated with ADT
- Addressing knowledge gaps in the efficacy and safety profiles of LHRH agonists and GnRH receptor antagonists in different treatment settings for advanced prostate cancer patients
- Evaluating and incorporating patient preferences regarding oral vs. parenteral oncologic therapy for advanced prostate cancer

Examples of educational formats that will be considered under this RFP include but are not limited to:

- Multi-activity or tiered education that builds over time such as a series of activities or curriculum-based learning
- Tethered programs, incorporating patients/caregivers into learning activities
- On agenda educational sessions during live conferences or satellite symposia adjacent to major conferences (including through Spring of 2025, ASCO GU, AUA or other appropriate venues)
- Expert interviews recorded at live conferences, conference coverage reviews
- Online articles, newsletter articles, training courses, webinars, podcasts
- Social media posted & linked content
- All learning resources such as videos, infographics, animations

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

III. Target Audience and Geographic Scope

The intended learner audience can include: Urologists, Medical Oncologists, Radiation Oncologists, Cardio-Oncologists, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Associates/Assistants, Advanced Practice Providers, Pharmacists, and other allied Prostate Cancer healthcare providers as well as Institutional decision-makers such as managed-care professionals, pharmacy-managers, clinical pathway implementors, organized medicine leaders, etc.

The intended geographic scope of this RFP is the United States.

IV. Applicant Eligibility Criteria

The following types of organizations may apply: medical, 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.

Please note:

- 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 project/program lead must be an employee or contractor of the requesting organization.
- Requesting organization must be legally able to receive award funding directly from Pfizer Inc.
- For projects offering continuing education credit, the requesting organization must be accredited.

V. Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications

Individual projects requesting up to \$150,000 will be considered although smaller, focused projects with lower budgets or multi-supported activities will be preferred. Projects covering multiple activities over time may request up to \$250,000. Total funding available is \$500,000. Award amounts include direct costs, institutional overhead costs (28% maximum), and indirect costs.

VI. Key Dates

- RFP release date: June 28, 2024
- Grant Application due date: August 15, 2024 - 11:59pm EST
- Anticipated Grant Award Notification Date: September 12, 2024
- Anticipated Approximate Project Start: October 2024
- Maximum project length: 18 months (e.g. October 2024 to April 2026)
- Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement.

VII. How to Submit

Please go to www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/knowledge 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 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 Grant Program Name: **2024 ONC US Prostate ADT Med Ed**
- Select the following Primary Area of Interest: **Oncology – Genitourinary – KG**

Complete all required sections of the online application and upload your project proposal (see Appendix) in the General RFP Submission field.

If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click the "Technical Questions" link at the bottom of the page.

If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to the Pfizer Grant Officer, Lori Carpenter (Lori.carpenter@pfizer.com) and the Sumitomo Pharma, Associate Director, Nishith Mehta (Nishith.Mehta@us.sumitomo-pharma.com), with the subject line "2024 ONC Prostate ADT – Med Ed".

VIII. Grant Agreements

If your grant is approved, your institution will be required to enter into a written grant agreement with Pfizer Inc. on behalf of the Pfizer-Sumitomo Pharma alliance. Grant funding is being provided by both companies so both Pfizer Inc. and Sumitomo Pharma must be acknowledged as part of standard disclosures of support of independent medical education.

Appendix

General RFP Submission Requirements

Applications will be accepted via the online portal listed in the [How to Submit](#) section of the RFP. 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 ensure 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 of 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 reviewers 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

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 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. General organizational running costs such as legal fees, insurance, heating, and lighting etc. should be included in an Institutional Overhead (if required). These costs are not specific to a grant request and therefore should not appear as line items in budgets.