

Pfizer Fellowship Grant Request for Proposals

Competitive Grant Program – using Expert Review Panel

2026 Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Fellowship-United States



Overview

It is our intent to support institutions with fellowship programs for gastroenterologists/physicians working in the field of IBD that have a strong organizational focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion and a strong training focus on healthcare equity, clinical practice, research, education, and advancing the standard of care in IBD (i.e., IUS, AI endoscopy, machine learning).



Geographic Scope

United States



Project Types and Area of Interest

The goal of this RFP is to offer salary support for IBD fellowship programs. It is our intent to support fellowship programs at institutions with clinical training programs in regions where there are continued workforce challenges and that have a strong focus on healthcare equity, clinical practice, research, education, and advancing the standard of care in IBD (i.e., IUS, AI endoscopy, machine learning) to further the understanding of IBD.

Programs that prioritize diversity and inclusion principles, focus on health equity initiatives, and address health care disparities and social determinants of health are strongly encouraged. Preference will be given to programs that are located in states underserved by number of IBD fellowships and serving an underserved population. 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

Submission Deadline

**Anticipated Grant
Award Notification**

**Anticipated Project
Start Date**



01 April 2026



May 2026



July 2026 or later



Funding Range and Project Length

Grant funding is available to support a one year fellowship up to \$80,000 USD.

I. Eligibility

Geographic Scope:

- United States

Applicant Eligibility Criteria:

- US-based accredited academic institutions
- Do not include the name of the potential fellow(s) in the 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.

II. Requirements

Specific Area of Interest for this RFP:

- It is our intent to support 6 fellowship programs
- It is our intent to offer salary support for IBD fellowship programs. Preference will be given to new IBD fellowship programs, those that prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) principles, and those with a specific focus on health equity (underrepresented patients, underserved communities).
- It is our intent to support fellowship programs at institutions with clinical training programs in regions where there are continued workforce challenges and that have a strong focus on healthcare equity, clinical practice, research, education, and advancing the standard of care in IBD (I.E., IUS, AI endoscopy, machine learning).
- Grants will be awarded based on the strength of the requesting organization's ability to provide expert mentorship, training, and guidance to the fellow.

Requirements for Prospective Fellows:

- Institution must ensure that any fellow that will receive grant funds must be a U.S. Worker (U.S. citizen, permanent resident, refugee, or asylee), or hold an appropriate non-immigrant visa status authorizing employment in the U.S.
- Fellows must hold an M.D. or equivalent degree and are recent graduates from an accredited internal medicine residency program or current fellows in their second or third year of GI training or recent graduates committed to developing a specialized expertise in IBD with a goal of continuing onto a career devoted to the care of patients with IBD.
- U.S. Physician Payments Sunshine Act ("Sunshine Act") and other transparency law requirements must be satisfied with respect to meals, payments and other transfers of value. As a condition of the grant, the selected fellow will be named in transparency reporting as a recipient of grant funding.

Budget:

- Grant funding is available to support one fellow for up to a year at \$80,000. The budget can only include salary and support of the fellow benefits.
- 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.

Key Dates:



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

*Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g., New York, GMT -5)

How to Submit:

IMPORTANT: 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 and sign in.
 - Note: there are individual portals for each grant application type. Please be sure to use the URL above.
 - First-time users should click "Create your password".
- Click the "**Start A New Fellowship Application**" button.
- Requirements for submission:
 - Complete all required sections of the online application
 - **IMPORTANT:** Upload Proposal using the required Proposal Template - [Click here](#)
- In the application:
 - For the question "Competitive Grant?" select "**Yes**"
 - Select the following Primary Area of Interest: **Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)**
 - Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: **2026 I&I US GI Fellowship**

Questions:

- If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click [here](#) or the “Technical Questions” link at the bottom of the page in Cybergrants.
- Please click [here](#) to view “Frequently Asked Questions” regarding the Competitive Grant Program.
- If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to the Grant Officer, Talita Honorato-Rzeszewicz (Talita.honorato-rzeszewicz@pfizer.com), with the subject line “2026 I&I US GI Fellowship - Feb 2026”.

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.
- Proposals will be evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria: fellowship goals, objectives, medical needs and population health, patient care experience, program criteria, mentoring, training opportunities, and resources.

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 Grants:

Pfizer 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 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

IMPORTANT: RFP Submission Requirements

Please [click here](#) to download a Proposal Template which includes the fields listed below (Institutions may also utilize their own format but must address all areas noted below). This document should be formatted with single-spaced using 12-point font and 1-inch margins and should not exceed 10-15 pages.

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. (e.g. details on research training opportunities, how will they will develop their skills?)
- Please describe how the Fellowship supports diversity, equity, and inclusion either through the Fellow being selected or through the mentoring team that is directly involved

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.