Pfizer Independent Medical Education Grant Request for Proposals

Competitive Grant Program – Pfizer Internal Review Process

Development of Healthcare Professionals with Advanced Expertise in Preventive Strategies in Pediatric Infectious Diseases

Overview

This request for proposal is intended to support independent medical education initiatives aimed at advancing preventive strategies in the field of pediatric infectious diseases. It particularly focuses on developing healthcare professionals—including physicians, pharmacists, and nurses—with advanced expertise in epidemiological trends and both domestic and international vaccination strategies (including maternal immunization), enabling them to lead the nationwide implementation of evidence based infectious disease prevention strategies

Geographic Scope

Japan

Project Types and Area of Interest

- Pediatric Infectious Diseases (Pneumococcal disease, Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection, and COVID 19 infection, etc.)
- This call for proposals aims to advance and enhance the quality of preventive strategies in pediatric infectious diseases in Japan by fostering healthcare professionals with advanced expertise who can understand the latest scientific evidence on epidemiological trends, vaccine effectiveness and safety, challenges in vaccine-based preventive strategies (including maternal immunization), and domestic and international guidelines for infectious disease prevention, and effectively translate and disseminate this knowledge into clinical practice and community healthcare at a national scale.

Key Milestones

Submission Deadline	Anticipated Grant Award	Anticipated Project Start date/Duration
15 SEP 2026	28 OCT 2026	1 JAN 2027

Funding Range and Project Length

Individual projects requesting up to 30,000,000 JPY will be considered.

Maximum project length is 2 years.

I. Eligibility

Geographic Scope/Location of Project:

- Japan

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- 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.
- Only organizations are eligible to receive grants, not individuals or medical practice groups (i.e., an independent group of physicians not affiliated with a hospital, academic institution, or professional society).
- 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 contractor of the requesting organization.
- Requesting organization must be legally able to receive award funding directly from Pfizer International LLC. 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 International LLC may be subject to rescission.
- For projects offering continuing education credit, the requesting organization must be accredited.

II. Requirements

Primary Area of Interest:

- Vaccines (Pediatric infectious Diseases)

General Area of Interest for this RFP:

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

- Projects that will be considered for Pfizer support will focus on improving the quality of infectious disease prevention systems in the pediatric field by developing individuals with advanced expertise who can systematically understand and integrate the latest scientific evidence, including epidemiological trends (such as serotype dynamics), vaccine effectiveness and safety, challenges in vaccine prevention, and the evolution of domestic and international guidelines. In particular, emphasis is placed not only on understanding these multifaceted evidence bases but also on enhancing the practical capability to appropriately translate them

into clinical practice and community healthcare nationwide, thereby enabling the development and implementation of optimal pediatric infectious disease prevention strategies.

- Through this program, healthcare professionals with expertise in infectious disease control are expected to play a central role in advancing preventive strategies in the pediatric field in Japan. By proactively engaging in the understanding of the latest domestic and international evidence, supporting regional infection control strategies, and appropriately utilizing guidelines, the program aims to improve infectious disease prevention practices across regions.
- Expected educational formats (examples): Including, but not limited to:
  - ✧ Independent symposia linked to academic congresses, educational sessions, and continuous learning materials (e.g., digital resources)
  - ✧ Peer-to-peer educational forums (e.g., specialized training programs, workshops, and practice-based programs)

Target Audience

- Healthcare professionals including physicians, pharmacists, and nurses and other healthcare professionals; not restricted to pediatric infectious disease specialists
- Healthcare professionals including physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals in infectious disease control within local governments

Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications

- Individual projects requesting up to 30,000,000 JPY will be considered.
- Award amounts include direct costs, institutional overhead costs (capped at 28% per Pfizer policy), and indirect costs.

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:

- Requirements for submission:
  - Complete all required sections of the online application
  - Upload proposal (see Appendix) in the Proposal/Protocol field.

IMPORTANT:

- **A new online application system will be introduced in mid-August.**
- **This RFP opened on June 24; however, applications can only be submitted after the new system is implemented.**
- **The login URL for the new system and detailed application procedures will be provided through an update to this RFP on or after mid-August.**

Questions:

- 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, Akihiro Kamina (meg.japan@pfizer.com), with the subject line "Development of Healthcare Professionals with Advanced Expertise in Preventive Strategies in Pediatric Infectious Diseases"

Review and Approval Process

- Grant requests received in response to a general RFP are reviewed by Pfizer Medical 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.

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 International LLC and, if approved the payment will be issued by a Pfizer US based legal entity.

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 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

IMPORTANT: 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.

Assessment of Need 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

- 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 GMGP 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. 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. However, costs that are specific to the study (e.g., some countries require insurance to be taken out on a per-study basis for clinical research) would be acceptable to be included as line items.

Required Documents

- Project Plan/Proposal or Meeting Agenda