



Independent Grants for Learning & Change

Rheumatology Visiting Professorships

I. Background

The mission of Pfizer Independent Grants for Learning & Change (IGLC) is to partner with the global healthcare community to improve patient outcomes in areas of mutual interest through support of measurable learning and change strategies. “Independent” means that the projects funded by Pfizer are the full responsibility of the recipient organization. Pfizer has no influence over any aspect of the projects and only asks for reports about the results and the impact of the projects in order to share them publicly.

Pfizer’s support of Visiting Professorships is a reflection of our commitment to advancing research, innovation, clinical expertise, and education for health professionals. The intent of this Visiting Professorship Call for Grant Applications (CGA) is to provide financial support for host organizations to coordinate educational exchanges so that healthcare practitioners, researchers, and patients can benefit from the knowledge and on-site presence of distinguished medical experts who might otherwise be inaccessible.

II. Eligibility

Geographic scope:	<input type="checkbox"/> United States Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International – United States and Europe
Eligibility criteria:	<p>The Visiting Professorship* program is open to the following organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical schools in the United States and Europe • Medical centers with dedicated rheumatology departments • Rheumatology professional organizations that plan to host a visiting professor directly <p><i>*Do <u>not</u> include the name of the potential Visiting Professor in application materials.</i></p>

III. Requirements

Date of issue:	July 21, 2016
Clinical area:	Rheumatology
Specific Area of Interest	<p>It is our intent to support opportunities for an institution to host a Distinguished Medical Expert (“Expert”) to foster educational exchanges with the local rheumatology healthcare providers in a similar or allied area, who can benefit from the Expert’s knowledge and on-site presence.</p> <p>Priority will be given to proposals that include robust opportunities for the Visiting Professor to interact with the rheumatology healthcare providers at the host organization beyond the lecture format, over multiple days. We anticipate that the requesting organization will be the group hosting the Visiting Professor.</p>

Application requirements:	Please refer to the Appendix for the Visiting Professorship proposal requirements.
Program Budgets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual requests up to \$10,000 for each Visiting Professorship will be considered • There is a budget of approximately \$180,000, which will be awarded to organizations in the US and Europe • Funding is to be used to cover the Expert’s honorarium, travel expenses, and other direct expenses incurred by the host organization in conducting program activities, if applicable • US Physician Payments Sunshine Act (“Sunshine Act”) and other transparency law reporting requirements must be satisfied with respect to meals, payments, and other transfers of value
Key dates:	<p>Please note the following key dates:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Applications due: September 16, 2016 Decision Notification date: November 4, 2016 Program start date must be after January 1, 2017</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Visiting Professorship programs funded in 2016 must be completed before December 31, 2017.</p> <p><i>Grants will be distributed following execution of a fully signed Letter of Agreement.</i></p>
How to submit:	<p>Please go to the specific application log-in page and sign in. First-time users should click “REGISTER NOW”. Registered users should select the appropriate link under Track 2 – Knowledge Gap</p> <p>If this is your first time visiting this site you will be prompted to take the Eligibility Quiz to determine the type of support you are seeking. Please ensure you identify yourself as a first-time user.</p> <p>Select the following Educational Area: CGA- Visiting Professorship - RA Fall 2016</p> <p>Requirements for submission: Complete all required sections of the online application and upload the completed VP CGA document (see Appendix).</p> <p>If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click the “Need Support?” link at the bottom of the page.</p>

Questions:	If you have questions regarding this grant opportunity or the Visiting Professorship program, please contact amanda.solis@pfizer.com , with the subject line “Rheumatology Visiting Professorship Question Fall 2016.”
Mechanism by which applicants will be notified:	All applicants will be notified via email by the dates noted above. Applicants may be asked to provide further clarifying information during the review process.

IV. Terms and Conditions

1. This grant opportunity does not commit Pfizer to award a grant nor to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this CGA or any other expenses.
2. Pfizer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received as a result of this CGA, or to cancel this grant opportunity in part or in its entirety at any time, if it determines it is in the best interest of Pfizer to do so.
3. For compliance reasons and in fairness to all applicants, all communications regarding this grant opportunity must be submitted exclusively to Pfizer IGLC. Failure to comply will disqualify applicants.
4. Consistent with its commitment to openness and transparency, Pfizer discloses grants provided to medical, scientific, and patient organizations in the United States. Pfizer reserves the right to publicly share the details of any successful grant application(s) by whatever means, including but not limited to, the Pfizer website, external presentations, and/or in other public media.
5. To comply with 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7h and 42 C.F.R. §§ 403.900-.914 (the Sunshine Act), the receiving organization must provide to Pfizer specific information for the U.S.-licensed physicians and U.S. teaching hospitals (“Covered Recipients”) to whom the receiving organization furnished payments or other transfers of value from the original independent grant awarded by Pfizer. Those payments or transfers-of-value include compensation, reimbursement for expenses, travel and meals provided to faculty (planners, speakers, investigators, project leads, etc.) and “items of value” (items that possess a discernible value on the open market, such as textbooks) provided to faculty and participants, if those faculty and/or participants meet the definition of Covered Recipient. The receiving organization must submit the required information during the reconciliation process or earlier, upon Pfizer’s request, so Pfizer can meet Sunshine Act reporting commitments. Be advised Pfizer will not make any payments to any individuals; grant funding shall be paid directly to the receiving organization.

Frequently Asked Questions related to IGLC’s Sunshine Act Reporting Requirements are available on our website (http://www.pfizer.com/files/IGLCsunshineFAQ_updatedJan2016.pdf).

Appendix: Visiting Professorship Application Document Requirements

Your application should include a Visiting Professorship proposal document, which can be created in MS Word or Adobe Acrobat and uploaded to the “required uploads” section of Grant Management System (GMS). Please include all items listed below in your proposal document.

- I. Main Section (not to exceed 5 pages)
 - A. Needs Assessment: The statement of impact should outline in detail the specific educational needs present in the host institution. Please note that educational needs should not focus on specific therapeutic drug products or medical devices.
 - B. Goals: Please include the short- and long-term goals of the department/division, and describe in detail how a Visiting Professor would advance those goals and meet the needs described in the previous section.
 - C. Reach: The statement of reach should describe in detail the institution’s inclusion of interdisciplinary/inter-level/community in-program activities (e.g., lectures, rounds, seminars). The proposed visit should incorporate links to other departments/divisions and include exchanges with physicians, research fellows, students, nurses, and community physicians. Other aspects of the visit could include interactions with medical centers, departments of health, public health organizations, affiliated schools, and community organizations. Activities planned beyond a lecture format should be described. *Priority will be given to program plans that include activities that go beyond a single lecture.*
 - D. Plan: The proposed agenda should be detailed, well organized, inclusive and feasible. *Note: Do not include the name of the proposed Visiting Professor in your application.*
- II. Supporting Documentation
 - A. Host’s Biosketch or Curriculum Vitae: Please include the host’s biosketch or CV as part of this document (not to exceed 10 pages)
 - B. Letter of support from Hosting institution