FAQ – Gabrielle's Angel Foundation Grant Process

Q: Does Gabrielle's Angel Foundation accept unsolicited grant applications?
A: No. Our annual grant application process is by invitation-only.

Q: Must my proposed research project focus on the hematologic malignancies?
A: Yes, Gabrielle's Angel Foundation funds research solely focusing on blood cancers.

Q: On the application, what does "limit five pages" include?
A: The five-page limit is a guideline set by our Medical Advisory Board and applies mainly to letters B through E. The five pages refers mostly to the length of the research description. The contact page is not included in this page count.

Q: Our institution does not offer tenure track positions. Does this mean I am ineligible to apply for a grant?
A: Our Medical Advisory Board feels strongly that the junior investigators applying for grants with us have institutional support in form of tenure track status. We understand, however, that this means different things to different institutions since some clinical researchers may never be in the tenure-track. Therefore, 'tenure track' is not as essential as that the applicant must be an independent, junior faculty member.

Q: I have been in my current position for more than 5 years. Does this mean I am ineligible to apply for a grant?
Q: I have been in my current position for under 5 years but it will be more than that by the time the grants are announced. Am I still eligible?
A: If you are more than 5 years at your institution this does not absolutely exclude you from applying. The five-year limitation was meant as a criteria guideline, not as a make-or-break qualification.

Q: What constitutes a "junior" investigator?
A: It is generally someone who is an Assistant Professor. Associate Professors may only apply for integrative grants.

Q: I am not yet an Assistant Professor but will be one next year. Am I still eligible?
A: Yes, you are eligible. All applicants will be judged based at least in part on their independent work.

Q: I have a degree other than MD or PhD (i.e. ND). Am I still eligible?
A: If a candidate's degree is equivalent to an MD or PhD, this is fine however the candidate does need to be a faculty member.

Q: Does the amount of $75,000 include the indirect cost or is that to be calculated extra over the $75,000?
A: The $75,000 includes the indirect cost (10% maximum).

Q: Is it permissible to include for further clarification of my grant description any previous relevant materials with my application – such as journal articles, papers, copies of treatment manuals and appendices?
A: Yes, but these must be kept to a minimum.

Q: May I include my salary and that of supporting technicians in the percentages?
A: There should be additional sources of support for the salary of the PI, however small percentages may be allotted for additional researchers on the project. The Foundation's Medical Advisory Board ultimately wants to see the majority of the percentage awarded going directly to the research.

Q: Does it matter if I already have funding from the government (i.e. R01, etc.)? Must I include the dollar amount of these other sources of funding with my NIH Biosketch?
A: We think it's a good thing when applicants have other funding. Please include in your application all other sources of support, including dollar amounts, both active and pending and detailed descriptions of any potential overlap with the project you are submitting with us.

Q: Do I need to include the NIH Biosketch of every researcher on the project or just the PI's?
A: Please include the NIH Biosketch of every researcher on the project.

Q: Must applicants have their own lab or be conducting lab-based research?
A: Nearly all (but not all) of the funded proposals come from people who are doing lab-based research, but it is the quality of the work and its relationship to the goals of the Foundation that count.

Q: Is the junior faculty member allowed to have a Co-PI on the grant?
A: They can, but it must be well justified. Also, it is unusual and will be looked at carefully.

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