



Myocarditis Foundation

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GRANT APPLICATION OVERVIEW

The MYOCARDITIS FOUNDATION (MF) awards funds to support research related to all forms of myocarditis research. The goal of MF's research program is to advance medical knowledge on the disease and develop more accurate diagnostic methods and life-saving therapies with the goal of saving more lives.

TYPES OF PROPOSALS SOUGHT

The Myocarditis Foundation (MF) accepts fellowship grant applications on an annual basis for innovative basic, clinical or translational research relevant to the cause or treatment of myocarditis. MF's fellowship grant program is designed to provide seed funding to investigators for the testing of initial hypotheses and collecting preliminary data to help secure long-term funding by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and other major granting institutions. Funding is available at US \$40,000 *for salary only*.

Grant award decisions are made through a peer review process by our Medical Advisory Board. Scientific excellence and relevance to myocarditis are the basic criteria for selecting the supported research project. The award is designed to support training and career development of physician-scientists in myocarditis research.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

The MF research grant provides salary support for 1 year of full-time research. The current stipend is \$40,000. No additional funds for benefits, travel, or indirect costs, etc. are available.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates may apply up to 10 years following receipt of an MD, PhD, or an equivalent degree and plan to perform the funded work in the United States or Canada, in order to apply for the Fellowship. All applicants must select a preceptor with a proven track record of research in myocarditis. In addition to providing a letter of recommendation, the preceptor is expected to assist in preparing the application. For applicants wishing advice in the selection of a preceptor, a list of potential preceptors is available from the MF.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The MF will issue one request for proposals a year. The deadline for grant submission is December 1 with final award decisions made by December 31. The research plan should be limited to 5 pages and must include the following: hypothesis, specific aims, background/significance, preliminary data, methods and expected results. The applicant should include a cover letter, supporting letter from the preceptor, and applicant and preceptor biographical sketches. Upon receipt of a signed letter of agreement from the selected candidate the MF will disburse the funds in installments during the research year.

FINAL REPORT

A final report will be required upon completion of the research year. The Myocarditis Foundation reserves the right to cite the research in all/any of our printed materials and on our website. The Myocarditis Foundation must be acknowledged in all publications resulting from the research.
