# 2024 Seed Grants for Early-Stage Research

**Objective**

Provide seed funding for early-stage research projects centered around the discovery of novel therapies, treatment regimens or diagnostics for early detection of gastric cancer.

**Amount of Grant**

One-time grant up to $100,000 (inclusive of maximum 10% utilized for indirect costs)

Up to 2 grants will be awarded in 2024.

**Applicant Eligibility**

- Currently working in a faculty position at an academic, medical or research institution in the United States
- While there are no citizenship requirements, the applicant must have the legal right to work in the U.S. for the duration of the award
- Have independent laboratory space as confirmed by their institution
- Seed grants in this program will not be awarded to the same institution in consecutive years.

The Foundation invites applications from all eligible researchers. We particularly encourage applications from junior faculty who earned their final degree (MD or PhD) within the last ten years.

**Application Process & Deadlines**

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| By March 29   | **Letter of Intent**                       | Submit by email to: grants@gastriccancer.org  
Project title and one-page summary project description which clearly explains the focus of the investigation and its importance to gastric cancer. Please provide a concise overview of planned research activities, desired outcomes, and credentials of the investigators. The applicant’s NIH Biosketch must be provided with the LOI. |
| By April 24   | **Invitation to Submit Application**       | After review of LOIs, select projects will receive invitations to submit full applications. (Note: No more than one project per institution will be invited to submit an application)                                   |
| By June 14    | **Grant Application Deadline**             | Submit by email to: grants@gastriccancer.org  
Applications will be reviewed and rated by scientific advisors. The GCF Board of Directors will make final grant decisions.                                                                                   |
|               |                                            | Grant awards will be announced no later than September 30. Funds will become available in October 2024 following mutual acceptance of grant agreements.                                           |
| **GRANT APPLICATION** | If LOI is selected, the full application should follow the format of the R21 NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award and include:  
| | - Project title  
| | - Summary of research project, why it is important and future implications  
| | - How will this project improve treatment options for patients and help in developing a cure for gastric cancer?  
| | - Project timeline  
| | - How a grant will help the project  
| | - Budget for full project and description of how GCF funds will be utilized  
| | - Other funders (committed and being pursued)  
| | - Reference letter from Dean/Department Chair  
| | - Investigator CVs |

| **OTHER REQUIREMENTS** | Grant recipient is expected to:  
| | - Provide a summary report of the use of funds, research results and next steps at conclusion of project. If project timeline is longer than a year, then annual summary report(s) should be provided.  
| | - Pursue the presentation/publication of results from the project. Notify the Gastric Cancer Foundation of published research.  
| | - Acknowledge support of the Gastric Cancer Foundation in presentations/publications. |

| **QUESTIONS** | Contact stacie@gastriccancer.org |