

Request for Application

PPACMAN MISSION: The mission of the Psoriasis & Psoriatic Arthritis Clinic Multicenter Advancement Network (PPACMAN) is to optimize the clinical care of patients with psoriatic disease through multidisciplinary collaboration, education and innovative research.

Purpose: PPACMAN is seeking grant applications that encourage research **demonstrating the value of combined clinic models.**

Anticipated number of awards: 1 grant may be awarded in 2023. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funds and the receipt of sufficiently meritorious applications, with an optional renewal for a 2nd year.

Budget: Applicants may request up to \$25,000 (direct costs only) per year.

Application Instructions: The PPACMAN Grant application must be submitted by email to amanda@ppacman.org as a single pdf. The application should follow the format outlined below.

Important dates: Application deadline is **SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**. Award notifications will be announced in October, with project work to start by December 1, 2023.

Project period: The project period for this Request for Proposals is one year, from December 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024. All funds are to be spent within this period.

Eligibility: The principal investigator must have a faculty appointment and be personally and actively responsible for the conduct of the proposed research, and eligible to apply for research grants under the guidelines of the applicant's host institution. Only investigators working in **North America** are eligible to apply. PPACMAN does not fund projects that are part of the NIH intramural research program or awards to private foundations without an academic affiliation to dermatology and/or rheumatology.

Review Criteria:

Reviewers will be asked to base their evaluations on the criteria listed below:

- Alignment with PPACMAN Mission
- Demonstration of scalable approaches to care

Reporting requirements:

- Within 60 days of completing the approved project, the grantee is required to submit a written report summarizing their research experience and findings.
- The grantee must also present the work at an approved national or international meeting to be held within two years of funding
- 6 month updates to the PPACMAN Board on the project
- Poster and/or brief presentation of progress and results at the PPACMAN annual meeting

If an approved project cannot be completed as originally proposed or within the time limits mandated the grantee must immediately contact PPACMAN.

All publications and presentations resulting from these grant funds need to acknowledge PPACMAN support. Any outcome measures generated using this funding must be open access.

Formatting requirements:

The application should follow the following format:

A. TITLE PAGE: Include the grant title, principal investigator's name, and affiliations.

B. ABSTRACT: Summarize the proposed research for a scientific audience. Abstract must not exceed 350 words.

C. LAYMAN'S STATEMENT: Summarize the proposed research for a non-scientific audience. This statement should describe the research question, the aims of the project, and the project's significance with respect to HS. Layman's statement must not exceed 200 words.

D. BUDGET: Each grant is limited to \$25,000 for one year. Indirect costs are not allowed. Provide a budget summary, including a concise statement of how you propose to allocate funds (amount and for what purpose), List all personnel to be included in the project and their anticipated support. Travel and publication costs are not allowed.

E. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH(ES): Use the NIH format to provide a biographical sketch of the proposal's principal investigator and any co-investigators who will play a significant role on the project. Each biographical sketch must not exceed five (5) pages.

F. LETTER(S) OF SUPPORT: Applicants may use this space to provide letters of support from collaborators or supporting people/facilities/resources who will contribute to the proposed research. If the applicant is a postdoctoral fellow, a letter of support from the applicant's immediate supervisor must be provided.

G. RESEARCH PROPOSAL: Research proposals must **demonstrate the value of combined clinic models and include** the following four sections, maximum three (3) pages:

1. **Specific aims:** The goals of this one-year proposal should be succinctly stated. What hypothesis is to be tested? What do you intend to accomplish? Because this funding is intended to initiate projects that would qualify for additional future funding, please differentiate between the immediate aims of this project and related aims that would follow in year two.
2. **Background and significance:** Why is the research important? Evaluate existing knowledge in the field and specifically identify the possible contributions that your investigation may make.

3. **Preliminary data/studies:** Describe published or unpublished data that support your hypothesis, specific aims and/or experimental design.
4. **Experiment design:** Describe the experimental design, the procedures to be used, and the data analysis plan. Descriptions of established lab procedures are not necessary.

H. REFERENCES: List of references cited.

For questions, please contact:

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