



National Kidney Foundation™

of Illinois

2020 Research Grant for the Young Investigator

NKFI Research Grant Program:

The Research Grant program funds investigators who have research projects that will increase the understanding of kidney and transplantation-related diseases, and improve the clinical management and treatment or cure of these diseases.

Maximum Funding: \$60,000.00 each year for up to two years, up to \$120,000.00 total during the two-year period.

- Letter of Intent Deadline: **March 6, 2020**
- Notification of Intent Application Status: **March 20, 2020**
- Application Deadline: May 14, 2020
- Notification of Award: On or before June 28, 2020
- **Funding Begins: July 1, 2020**

Applicant and Topic Guidelines:

- Research must be conducted at a facility or institution within the state of Illinois
- Grants support young investigators who are within 5 years of the conclusion of their last post-doctoral position or terminal degree program
- Topics must be in the areas of nephrology, urology, or transplantation with an aim to improve the understanding, diagnosis, and/or treatment of kidney-related diseases
- Funds **cannot** be used for salary support or indirect costs for the PI or co-PIs
- Applicants must have no other source of funding for their research program (excluding awards that predominantly support salary or indirect costs for the PI or co-PIs such as career development awards)
- Applicant cannot be a PI or co-PI of R-level research study or equivalent (e.g., VA Merit grant)

Evaluation of existing funding will be at the discretion of the NKFI Research Committee. Decisions of the Research Committee will be final.

General Grant Policies

I. Progress, Final and Financial Reports

1. Award funds are paid to the recipient's institution in bi-annual payments by mail. Each year of funding, after the first, is contingent upon receipt of a research progress report and a financial accounting of expenditures through the first 9 months of the grant. This report is due in the NKFI office within 30 days before the end of the first budget year.

2. A non-technical final report, written for a lay audience, must be filed with the NKFI no later than 60 days after the end of the entire funded period. A report from the investigator's fiscal office showing the final disposition of funds must be submitted at the same time. The format for these reports is devised by the investigator and the institution. *All unexpended funds must be returned to the NKFI.* Additional funds beyond the original award may **not** be requested for any reason. Please note that this report may be published in the NKFI public materials.
3. The NKFI would like to know how the funded research has made a difference in the communities we serve. Grantees will be contacted yearly in an attempt to learn about the impact of their projects, subsequent funding attempts, and if the funded research has been published through any other avenues aside from NKFI publications

Add verbiage about yearly follow-ups with NKFI including manuscripts, subsequent funding, academic appointments.

II. Funding from Other Sources

If support for the proposed project is obtained from other sources, the recipient must notify the NKFI immediately. Any funds awarded by the NKFI that remain unused will be withdrawn should funding be received for the same project from other sources.

III. Change of Institution/Transfers

Research Grant recipients may not transfer awards, in whole or part, between institutions without prior **written approval** by the NKFI.

IV. Extensions/Absences

1. No-cost extensions must be requested in writing but are at the NKFI's discretion.
2. Unexpended first-year funds may be carried over to the final year of funding by written request.

V. Publications

Acknowledgement of support from the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois must be made when findings are reported, published or publicity is given to the work. Acknowledgement such as **"Supported by a grant from the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois"** is suggested. Two hard copies of any such publication should be sent to the NKFI Office. One PDF also should be e-mailed to research@nkfi.org.

VI. Patents

Awards are made with the understanding that the NKFI will receive written notification of the filing of any letters patent for any discovery made based on work funded by the NKFI.

VII. Ownership of Equipment

Equipment purchased under an NKFI award is for the use of the Principal Investigator and associates, and generally follows where the PI works during the course of the funded grant. Equipment requests must be justified in the application.

VIII. Biological Substances

The NKFI expects the sharing of biological substances, reagents, or other materials resulting from NKFI supported research. This will encourage optimal utilization of new technology by the research community.

IX. Cancellation/Termination

When a funding recipient has failed to comply with terms and conditions of an award, the NKFI, at its sole discretion, may cancel/terminate the award. In the event that the NKFI determines that funds are not being used as approved, the NKFI may immediately terminate any further installments. In the event of cancellation/termination by the NKFI or the recipient, unexpended funds **must** be returned to the NKFI.

Guidelines for Letter of Intent:

The intent; which will be reviewed by the committee, will serve as an informative letter summarizing your ultimate full proposal. The intents that are closely aligned with the mission of NKFI will be asked to submit full proposals.

Intents must include:

- Contact information and project title
- A concise, one page letter outlining your project
- The letter should include a brief description of budget allocation
- A curriculum vitae (no longer than 3 pages)

NKFI requires that you submit the intent as an attachment sent to research@nkfi.org. Letters received after the deadline will not be considered. Intents received will be acknowledged by email in return.

Letters of Intent for Resubmission Proposals

A resubmission is an unfunded application that was previously submitted for the Young Investigator Research Grant but has been modified following initial review and resubmitted for consideration.

- Your intent must indicate if prospective project will be a resubmission
- We allow only one resubmission for each new application that was reviewed and not funded
- You must resubmit within 14 months of the initial application. Thereafter, the application must be submitted as a new application.



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Date Submitted: _____

Applicant: _____ Degree(s): _____
(Please do not list any Co-Investigators)

Institution Name: _____

Department: _____

Division: _____

Institution Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Title of Proposal: _____

Proposed Project Start & End Date: Start: _____ End: _____

SIGNATURE: _____