



MNITF Research Grant Program

Eligibility

In general, domestic or foreign, public or private, and nonprofit or for-profit organizations are eligible to receive MNITF grants; however, MNITF may limit eligibility for certain types of programs, such as limitations on the participation of foreign entities or programs where only small businesses are eligible applicants.

MNITF supports scientists at various stages in their careers, and anyone who is actively involved in research is eligible to apply for an MNITF grant. Encouraged to apply are junior faculty members establishing an independent research program to established investigators running large research centers or transitioning to new phases of research.

You must meet the following eligibility criteria to apply:

- Principal Investigator is actively involved in research.
- Organization is established.
- Research falls within the priority areas listed below.
- Research is aimed to improve clinical outcomes and/or positively impact the field of organ transplantation.
- Organization is willing to accept indirect costs not to exceed 10% of direct costs.
- Research funding is not readily available from other sources.

The MNITF considers supporting research in the following areas:

- Creating a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary program of research that advances scientific knowledge which will improve clinical outcomes in transplantation;
- Integrating the field of transplantation with the latest donor screening technologies, immunogenetics, post-transplant monitoring, and advancements in regenerative medicine;
- Making unique contributions to biology and medicine by developing new diagnostic and therapeutic paradigms;
- Empowering patients with end-stage organ disease and transplant recipients through education to proactively manage their health and improve their long-term outcomes.
- Addressing urgent epidemiological and medical issues affecting transplantation and transplant community, specifically relating to SARS-CoV-2. (see below)



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Due to SARS-CoV-2 having a profound effect on transplantation, the MNITF is also accepting LOIs in the areas listed below.

- Using organ and tissues from SARS-CoV-2 positive donors (Assessing SARS-CoV-2 specific Immunological memory in the recipients)
- Identifying virological and immunological parameters relevant to screening for SARS-CoV-2 (RNAemia/infectivity, methodological issues)
- Examining the pathophysiology of SARS-CoV-2 immune enhancement and its impact on transplanted tissue and organ function, especially in the context of available treatment modalities (vaccination, antivirals, convalescent plasma, etc.)
- Developing ex-vivo and in vitro lung systems to study SARS-CoV-2 pathology and antivirals

Should you be submitting a proposal in this area of research, LOIs will be considered if it meets an area(s) of interest listed above and the following criteria:

- Pilot study to gather data for an NIH grant proposal
- Funding not available from other sources
- Significant and immediate impact

For further information about the MNITF Research Grant Program go to www.mnitf.org
LOI submissions due June 15th and November 1st.