



Fondation Santé

Research Grants in Biomedical Sciences

Call for Proposals

Recognizing that deserving scientists are not always adequately funded in Greece, Fondation Santé initiated its Research Grants in Biomedical Sciences Program in 2012. **The grants support existing research teams at the level of €25,000 for one year** with the possibility of a one-time renewal depending on progress.

Because of their modest size, these grants are not designed to support full-fledged research programs. Instead, they are to help research teams begin new projects, or extend an existing program until more permanent funding becomes available. It will be very helpful if applicants explain how the Fondation Santé grant will help their research.

The grants are highly competitive, with only about 10% of applications being awarded, as dictated by our existing resources. Our experience has shown us both the great need for research funds and the outstanding scientific quality that exists in Greece and Cyprus despite erratic sources of funding.

Applications are evaluated by an international scientific committee strictly on the basis of scientific merit, feasibility, and need. Investigators who have received Fondation Santé support in the past are not excluded from applying again.

Submission deadline: September 1, 2018

Please note that the ranking of the applications is not publicly announced and we do not provide a written evaluation of the proposals.

Grant Reviewing Committee

Dr. Spyros Artavanis - Tsakonas - Professor Emeritus Harvard Medical School; former CSO Biogen; Professeur honoraire au Collège de France – C h a i r

Dr. Sidney Altman - Yale University; 1989 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

Dr. David Baltimore - Caltech; 1975 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

Dr. Edith Heard - Prof. of Epigenetics and Cellular Memory at the Collège de France, Director of the Genetics and Developmental Biology Department, Institut Curie, Paris

Dr. Thomas Kirchhausen – Professor in the Dpt. of Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School

Dr. Daniel Louvard - Professor Emeritus at the Institut Pasteur and former Director of the Research Center of Institut Curie, Paris

Dr. Gerald Rubin - Vice President, HHMI, Executive Director, Janelia Research Campus

Dr. Marc Tessier-Lavigne - President, Stanford University.



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Proposal Guidelines

Please note that these grants are intended to support **independent investigators with active research teams**.

Proposals should be submitted in a 12 pt font, single-spaced, and should not exceed recommended page limits. The grant will **not** support purchase of major equipment or travel costs.

The committee welcomes innovative and ambitious proposals, but applicants should be **realistic** in their aspirations and focus on proposals that can provide tangible results given the level of funding and the grant's time frame. This very important factor will be taken into account when the proposals are evaluated. The possibility of a second year of funding exists, but it will depend strictly upon tangible progress toward the original goals.

Proposal

(Page limits should be **strictly** followed)

1. Title page

Title of the grant

Project summary (250 words maximum)

Name of Principle Investigator, position, contact information,

2. A short CV (no more than two pages)

of the investigator should include the following subsections in this order:

- a) *Educational trajectory* up to and including postdoctoral training.
- b) *Independent position* (s) as a principal investigator
- c) *Number of trainees*: Ph.D. students and postdoctoral fellows trained thus far
- d) *Current composition* (students, postdoctoral fellows, and technicians) of the laboratory
- e) *A 1-2 line description of the major project* (s) in the laboratory if distinct from the one described in the current proposal
- f) **Bibliography (not to be counted in the two page limit):**
 - List of all publications **from 2013 onwards**
 - A Pub Med **link** to the entire bibliography of the investigator

3. Existing funding:

Dates of existing grants or other funding sources with titles of the projects and if deemed important, 1-2 sentences describing the subject matter. Funding *levels* should also be mentioned.

4. Project description

A. Specific aims (not to exceed **half** a page).



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B. Introduction and significance – A statement of the question, and the background information placing the question in the context of current research including differentiating features (not to exceed **one** page)

C. Research strategy (not to exceed **three pages**, including diagrams and figures)

D. Bibliography (outside the 3 page limit)

5. **Budget (one page)**

The budget should briefly explain how the requested funds will be allocated (salary, supplies, small equipment, animal costs, etc.). A maximum university overhead allowance of 5% can be included in your budget.

Submission

Proposals will be accepted in digital form only, **as a single pdf file, and should be e-mailed to Fondation Santé:** [proposals@fondationsante.org].

Submission Deadline: Proposals must be submitted by **September 1, 2018** and the funding will begin on January 1, 2018.

About Fondation Santé

Fondation Santé was established in 2000 as a tax-exempt private charitable foundation operating exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes.

Our mission is to promote the advancement of education and biomedical research in Greece. Fondation Santé seeks to accomplish this through various means, including organizing internship programs, providing grants, and holding conferences on subjects related to the science and business of biology and medicine. In addition, the foundation seeks to facilitate communication between governments, pharmaceutical and biotech companies, academic and research organizations, and individuals in order to encourage scientific and medical initiatives that require multidisciplinary or global approaches.



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