

INNOVATIVE GRANTS

Note: if your project involves human subjects research, click [here](#).

Description

JDRF provides “seed” funding for highly innovative research with potential significant impact on accelerating the mission of JDRF. The innovative research should have the potential for a change in the current paradigm or conventional wisdom or to lead to a seminal discovery or to be groundbreaking. Preliminary data is not required in the proposal but the underlying premise, goal, or hypothesis must be plausible and the proposal must be focused with a well defined goal.

In the application, the investigator must specifically address how the proposal is innovative and clearly state the problem, hypothesis, methodology, and possible outcomes. The research plan has a strict **3-page limit**.

Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by domestic and foreign non-profit organizations, public and private, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories, units of state and local governments, and eligible agencies of the federal government. Applicants must hold an M.D., D.M.D., D.V.M., Ph.D., or equivalent and have a faculty position or equivalent at a college, university, medical school, or other research facility. Please note that applications coming from for-profit entities should NOT be submitted here. Please refer to [Industry Discovery & Development Partnerships](#) for information on JDRF funding programs for industry and how to apply. There are no citizenship requirements for this program. To assure continued excellence and diversity among applicants and awardees, JDRF welcomes applications from all qualified individuals and encourages applications from persons with disabilities women and members of minority groups underrepresented in the sciences.

Proposal

All applications must be completed using the templates provided on the [proposalCENTRAL website](#). See the [proposalCENTRAL templates](#) and the [Applicant Guidelines](#) sections for specific requirements.

Research Plan

The innovative grant research plan may not exceed 3 pages, including figures and tables, and preliminary studies are not required. Please note that the 3-page limit includes narrative items a through d as described below. The research plan must be organized as follows: a) Specific Aims; b) Background and Significance to Type 1 Diabetes; c) Preliminary Studies (if available); d) Research Design and Methods; e) Literature Cited (no page limit). **All information in items a through d must be incorporated in the 3-page limit without exception. Applications with research plans exceeding the page limit will not be reviewed.**

Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria described below. Evaluations will be competitive and performed by an appropriate peer and lay review group convened by JDRF (see the [Application Review Process section](#), above, for more information). The review criteria include:

- 1) Innovation
- 2) Plausibility of underlining premise, goal or hypothesis
- 3) Feasibility of experimental approach and completing in one year
- 4) Relevance to the objectives of JDRF
- 5) Qualifications and research experience of the principal investigators and collaborators
- 6) Availability of resources and facilities necessary for the project
- 7) Appropriateness of the proposed budget in relation to the proposed research

Terms of the Award

These grants provide one year of support for a maximum of USD 100,000 in direct costs and indirect costs of 10%, for a total of USD 110,000. These grants are not renewable. A final progress report is due within 60 days following the close of the award.

NEW: Projects with significantly higher cost or requiring greater than one year of funding may still be considered for an Innovative Grant at the discretion of JDRF staff.

If you believe that your Innovative project requires a greater budget or funding period, please contact [JDRF Program Staff](#) in the relevant area to discuss possible options for submission.

Examples might include:

- Research that requires collaborative or multi-disciplinary approaches to address a single hypothesis
- Research that requires high-cost resources, e.g. costly reagents for genomics/ proteomics studies
- Studies that employ large-animal models or animal models that require lengthy development or distant endpoints