

Instructions for Letter of Intent Submission 2010 Gaucher Generation Grant Program

Gaucher Generation Grant Program Overview

The Gaucher Generation Program distributes annual grants on a competitive basis to scientists and clinicians engaged in innovative Gaucher disease research. The Program is intended to stimulate and support the advancement of medical knowledge and practice in Gaucher disease through innovative investigator-initiated research. It represents Genzyme's ongoing commitment to enhancing the care of Gaucher patients and supporting the Gaucher community. The ultimate goal of the program is to improve the lives of Gaucher patients.

For more details on the Gaucher Generation Program, including information on award amounts, application procedures, and timelines, please visit the Gaucher Generation website at www.gauchergeneration.com.

Letter of Intent Purpose and Instructions

The Letter of Intent is the first step in the Gaucher Generation grant application process. Not to exceed three pages, the Letter of Intent should provide a brief summary of the intended research objectives and approach. It should outline a distinct, focused hypothesis; provide a summary of methods, procedures, and techniques; and include a clear discussion of potential outcomes.

The Letter of Intent should consist of one cover page and one summary page. It may also include one additional page with data/figures. It must be in English, single-spaced, using a 10- or 12-point font. Please do not include your institution and investigator names on the summary page or with the data/figures as these pages will be blinded and coded for committee review.

I. The cover page should include the following information:

- Name
- Title
- Institution
- Address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Proposal title

II. The summary page should include the following information:

- Research rationale
- Hypothesis
- Objectives
- Research plan
- Plan for recruitment and retention of subjects
- Expected outcome
- Estimated duration
- Estimated costs

III. Optional: A third page with data / figures may be included.

Review Criteria

An independent, internationally-diverse committee of Gaucher disease experts will assess all Letters of Intent and Research Proposals. In addition to the scientific merit of the proposed research, the review committee considers the following criteria when evaluating submissions:

- Adequacy of the experimental design to answer the proposed question of interest
- Feasibility of the proposed study design, budget, and duration
- Clinical importance and potential impact on patients
- Innovation of the proposal
- Qualifications and experience of the principal investigator for the proposed research

To download a sample evaluation form please visit www.gauchergeneration.com.

Letter of Intent Submission Deadline

The deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent at Genzyme is April 30, 2010.

Submission Instructions

The Letter of Intent should be submitted as a Microsoft Word-compatible or PDF format document(s) by accessing the Gaucher Generation website at www.gauchergeneration.com and uploading files to the Webcargo link. Files can be no more than 2GB in size. Letters of Intent must be received at Genzyme no later than Friday, April 30, 2010.

The Letter of Intent may also be submitted on CD-ROM or memory stick to the following:

Genzyme Corporation
Gaucher Generation Program
ATTN: Elaine Cipriano, Grant Program Coordinator
500 Kendall Street
Cambridge, MA 02142 USA

An email will be sent by the Grant Program Coordinator to confirm receipt of all Letters of Intent.

Notification of Acceptance

Each applicant will be notified of the committee's response to their Letter of Intent by early June 2010. Applicants who submitted Letters of Intent accepted by the committee based on the criteria above will receive an invitation to submit a full proposal.

Contact Information

For questions regarding the Gaucher Generation program or grant application process, please email gauchergeneration@genzyme.com. You may also call within the US 1-800-745-4447, x16608, or + 1-617-768-6608 outside the US, and speak with Elaine Cipriano, Grant Program Coordinator.