

Instructions for Letter of Intent Submission 2011 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.

2011 will mark the fourth year of the Gaucher Generation Grant Program.

For the 2011 application year, we are pleased to announce the following changes to the grant program.

- Up to 3 winners will be awarded
- Two of the three awards will be to support a new investigator via the establishment of the New Investigator Award (NIA)

New Investigator Award (NIA)

With the establishment of the NIA, we hope to support the next phase of clinicians and scientists who show promise in advancing the understanding of Gaucher Disease. This award is intended for late postdoctoral investigators and/or new faculty, usually those at or below the rank of Assistant Professor. Many new investigators have exceptionally innovative research ideas, but not the preliminary data required to fare well in traditional grant reviews. NIA applications will be given special consideration during review process. The expert reviewers will be instructed to focus more on the proposed approach than on the track record, and to expect less preliminary data than would be provided by an established investigator.

Up to two awards will be awarded if volume and quality justify.

Senior Investigator Award (SIA)

One SIA will be awarded in 2011. SIA is intended for experienced and established physicians and/or scientists in the area of the Gaucher Disease compared to those who apply for the NIA. Given the anticipated tenure for many of the potential applicants for the SIA, the expert committee will abide by the traditional criteria such that preliminary data is anticipated if deemed appropriate.

If uncertain of which grant application to apply for (NIA vs. SIA), please contact the Gaucher Generation program coordinator via email to gauchergenerations@genzyme.com. You may call within the U.S. (800) 745-4447, x16370, or (617) 768-6370 outside the U.S., and speak with Kathleen Collins, Grant Program Coordinator.

Funding & Length of Award

New Investigator Award will be for a two-year annual grant of up to \$75,000 for a total grant amount of \$150,000

Senior Investigator Award will be for a two-year annual grant of up to \$100,000 for a total grant amount of \$200,000

All proposals are considered proprietary and confidential, and are not reproduced except for purposes of program administration.

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:

- Grant type (NIA)
New Investigator Award
or (SIA) Senior Investigator Award
- 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 March 25, 2011.

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. Files can be no more than 2GB in size. Letters of Intent must be received at Genzyme no later than Friday, March 25, 2011.

The Letter of Intent may be submitted via email at gauchergenerations@genzyme.com, or on CD-ROM, or memory stick to the following:

Genzyme Corporation
Gaucher Generation Program
ATTN: Kathleen Collins, Grant Program Coordinator
500 Kendall Street
8th Floor
Cambridge, MA 02142 USA

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

If you do not receive confirmation receipt of your proposal within one business day, please contact the Generations Coordinator for further assistance.

Notification of Acceptance

Each applicant will be notified of the committee's response to their Letter of Intent by late May, 2011. 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

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