



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NEW

The Marfan Foundation and its divisions are proud to announce our new grant program. This program is designed to incorporate support for transformational science allowing for longer, multi-disciplinary, **multi-institutional collaborative grants that span over 4 years while maintaining key goals to help develop career scientists at all levels.** Proposals received should be transformational in the sense that they use human material or data and/or should be highly relevant and easily transitioned to human research and include a larger strategy towards patient care. The new grant mechanisms are as follows:

► **EVEREST AWARD** This is a large, multi-institutional transformational grant designed to “reach the summit” on a critical path to a breakthrough in basic or translational science that has direct relevance to human health. It must include an institutionally funded graduate student or fellow. Engagement of multi-disciplinary investigators or pharma would be highly desirable. Single grant of \$200,000 per year for 4 years based on yearly milestone review.

Letter of IntentSeptember 15, 2021
Request for Full Proposals..... October 15, 2021
Full Application Deadline.....January 10, 2022
Announcement of Awards..... March 15, 2022
Funding Available June 1, 2022

► **INNOVATORS AWARD** This award is for faculty members to explore an innovative concept in “translational” science that has applicability to improving human health. Examples could include fundamental research, diagnostic tests, biomarkers, biomedical engineering advances, and imaging advances. Collection of data for improved evidenced based medical guidance are of great interest. This award is for \$100,000 over 2 years (\$50,000 per year).

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► **CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD** This award for \$100,000 over 2 years (\$50,000 per year), is designed to support investigators early in their career to derive preliminary data in a key concept area that has high potential to lead to extended funding from NIH, EU, and other large research funding sources.

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► **VICTOR MCKUSICK FELLOWS** This award is for \$150,000 for an MD and \$100,000 for a PhD, over 2 years. It is designed to support postdoctoral fellows embarking on a scientific career in biomedical research related to Marfan syndrome or any of the genetic aorta or vascular conditions that are within the Foundation’s scope of interest. This award has the expectation of encouraging an institutional match where half of the funding comes from the Foundation and half from the sponsoring institution.

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The grant program is designed to provide financial support for investigators studying any or all disciplines involved in Marfan syndrome, VEDS, EDS, LDS, and other aortic and vascular conditions. Grant awards are based on proposal evaluation by The Marfan Foundation Scientific Advisory Board with the approval of the Board of Directors.

FOR GUIDELINES & APPLICATIONS, contact The Marfan Foundation (jgrima@marfan.org or 516-883-8712, ext. 117) or visit **Marfan.org**.