

INDEPENDENT GRANT REQUEST
MSD ONCOLOGY POLICY GRANT PROGRAM
Realizing the full benefit of innovative cancer treatment

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Grant requests should be succinct and clearly written. Grant requests are limited to no more than 5 pages, not including abbreviated CVs. Full application packages should be single-spaced, 12-point, Calibri typescript with one-inch margins.

Each request must include the following elements:

- a) Cover page including:
 - a. Name of organization
 - b. Address and contact information
 - c. Name of principal investigator and co-principal investigators
 - d. Not-for-profit status of organization
 - e. 2-3 sentence summary of the grant request
 - f. Project dates
 - g. Budget summary
 - h. Lead applicant signature
- b) An abstract of up to 100 words
- c) A proposal narrative not to exceed three-pages
 - a. Brief summary of the project
 - b. Research hypothesis and corresponding literature review used to develop the hypothesis
 - c. Research objectives, methods and anticipated outcomes
 - d. Significance of the proposed research including expected contributions to existing knowledge, added value to the field of health policy and adequacy with the local social, cultural and policy context.
 - e. Full dissemination plan including stated dissemination requirements.
- d) Project timeline which includes:
 - a. Planned timing for research findings draft and revisions.
 - b. Planned timing of 1-2 local, researcher-led seminars to disclose research plan, preliminary hypothesis and allow for stakeholder input in Q1-2 2020.
 - c. Planned timing for manuscript submission to relevant peer-reviewed journal in Q3 2020.
 - d. Planned timing for publication of 2-3 pieces in grey literature (e.g. opinion pieces), to disseminate key insights from the primary research before October 2020.
- e) A bio-sketch, not exceeding one page, that includes:
 - a. Track record in completing independent, high quality health policy research
 - b. Key related publications and grants for principal investigator and co-principal investigators.
 - c. Professional appointments and degrees awarded to principal investigator and co-principal investigators.

The application package should be sent via e-mail to: oncopolICY@merck.com

DEADLINES

August 25, 2019 Proposals due

October 24, 2019 Attendees and Final awardees notified (contract signed)

November 1, 2019 Grants Disbursed

ASSESSMENT

Selection of grantees is based upon a competitive application and review process. This process is informed by the recommendations of a review committee which includes representation from various functions within MSD.

The following criteria will be used to select top grant requests to be considered for the due diligence process:

Policy and contextual relevance of the application.

This criterion refers to strategic and policy relevance in terms of:

- a) Expected contributions and ability to advance existing knowledge,
- b) Added value and alignment to at least one of the policy areas outlined above; and
- c) Relevance to the local social, cultural and policy context.

Innovation and technical quality of the application.

This criterion considers the ability to meet technical quality in the areas of:

- d) Innovative ideas and nature of the research,
- e) Clear and thorough articulation of aims and objectives, methods, anticipated outcomes; and
- f) Full dissemination plan that defines how research findings would be most effectively disseminated.

Ethics and management quality of the application.

This criterion checks if the application is respectful with ethical values and checks if the proposal meets eligibility requirements as stated in the previous section.

Grant disbursal is subject to successful completion of a two-month due diligence process for each of the selected applicants.