

RESEARCH GRANT GUIDELINES

GULF COAST REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

1400 La Concha Lane

Houston, TX 77054-1802

A. Items not funded

No indirect costs or travel expenses are covered.

Salaries for principal investigator and co-investigators will not be funded.

B. Ownership of Equipment

Title of equipment under a Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center (GCRBC) grant will remain with the host institution of the research. If the principal investigator transfers to another institution, moveable equipment may also be transferred and title rest with the new institution with the approval of the original institution and GCRBC.

C. Rights to Inventions Resulting from Funded Research

The Education and Research Committee of Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is aware that patentable inventions may result from research supported by GCRBC. In the event that the host institution receives royalties from licensing, sale or commercialization of Investigator Invention, then GCRBC and Host Institution agree to negotiate in good faith for GCRBC to receive a reasonable share of royalty stream.

D. Publications

Publications or any printed material resulting from research supported by GCRBC should contain an acknowledgment to that effect. Three reprints of such publication should be sent to GCRBC upon publication. GCRBC should also be notified of presentation of research results at any national or regional professional meeting.

E. Progress Reports of Research Accomplished

Progress reports of research accomplished should be comprehensive and indicate the significance of the study. The progress report should include an accounting of moneys spent in performance of the research and should be presented in the prescribed manner (refer to Progress Report Form). Reports of unpublished research are considered confidential.

Deadlines for Progress Reports:

One grant funded, no renewal

January 15th of year following funding

Competitive Renewal

Must accompany grant renewal application

One grant funded, applying for new grant

Must accompany new grant application

If progress report is not received prior to the January meeting of the GCRBC Board of Trustees or if progress on research is deemed unsatisfactory by the GCRBC Board of Trustees, GCRBC has the right to terminate the grant and reclaim any unused funds.

F. Carryover Funds

Unexpended funds from an existing grant cannot be carried forward to a renewal or any other grant without written approval of the GCRBC Board of Trustees.

G. Transfer of Funds

Grants may be transferred from one institution to another or from one person named principal investigator to another only with written permission of the institution, principal investigator and the GCRBC Board of Trustees.

H. Cancellation or Termination

All unexpended funds must be returned to GCRBC if a grant is canceled. If progress on research is deemed unsatisfactory by the GCRBC Board of Trustees, GCRBC has the right to terminate the grant and reclaim any unused funds.

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PURPOSE

To promote research and development in all scientific, medical/technical and administrative aspects of blood banking; including, but not limited to immunohematology, transfusion therapy, tissue typing and related activities.

QUALIFICATIONS

Investigators must be on the regular staff of the institution where the research will be conducted. The institution must be located in the Gulf Coast Region served by The Blood Center. The investigator must have available for use adequate laboratory or office space and basic equipment.

AWARD PERIOD

One year with a competitive renewal application submitted for each additional year. Award period: Twelve months - October 15th through October 30th.

FUNDING

Consideration will be given to funding equipment, animals, publication costs and salaries for technical staff. The reviewing and awarding body has discretionary authority. Salaries for principal investigators and co-investigators will **not** be funded.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Annually, July 1st.

APPLICATION

Original and 13 copies (**BUDGET, part V, MUST BE COPIED ON COLORED PAPER**) of the application form must be sent to:

Educational & Training
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center
1400 La Concha
Houston, TX 77054-1802

The following items must be completed:

1. Title
2. Investigators
3. Signatures of principal investigators and authorized institutional official
4. Abstract in scientific terms
5. Abstract in **lay** terms
6. Introduction and Background
7. Objectives
8. Methodology and Procedures
9. Significance
10. Facilities Available
11. Budget
12. Curriculum Vitae of each investigator
13. Patient informed consent, if required

PUBLICATIONS

Any printed material resulting from funded research should acknowledge support by Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center (GCRBC). Three reprints of the publication resulting from investigation must be submitted.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

If an individual who has received a grant leaves his institution, GCRBC should be notified and has discretionary power to retract or transfer funds.