

The Gerber Foundation: Research Grants **and** Novice Grants

Unrestricted funding opportunities

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Website: <https://www.gerberfoundation.org/how-to-apply/>
Submission Limitations: None
Foundation Deadline: Deadline is **November 15, 2020, 4:00 p.m. EST**

Please contact your RAS unit **and** Nicole Dancz to inform them of your intent to submit.

Overview

The Foundation's mission focuses on infants and young children. Priority is given to projects that improve the nutrition, care, and development of infants and young children from *the first year before birth to three years of age*.

There are 2 categories of grants: (1) Research Grants and (2) Novice Grants.

The Foundation funds in **3 broad program areas**:

- **Pediatric Nutrition**: examining specific nutrients and their related outcomes in infants and young children
- **Pediatric Health**: a focus on the incidence of serious neonatal and early childhood illnesses
- **Environmental Hazards**: documenting the impact of, or ameliorating the effects of, environmental hazards on growth and development

Laboratory studies are funded occasionally. However, we expect that the basic science is a preliminary step required to support a clinical trial and that a clinical study will follow shortly after the funded project is completed.

Note: The Foundation is looking for projects that will result in 'new' information, treatments, or tools that will result in a change in practice. The board rarely funds projects that are focused on sharing current information with parents or caregivers (parent or provider educational programs).

Funding

- **Research projects** may be no longer than 3 years in length. Total grant size should be no more than **\$350,000**.
- **Novice Grants** are limited to no more than **\$20,000** in total (inclusive of indirects).

Eligibility Note for Novice Grants:

Candidates for the Novice Grants include physicians/PhD candidates/PharmD candidates and other similar degree candidates:

- in a residency or fellowship training program or those who are no more than one year post training
- have not received a K award from the National Institutes of Health
- have an assigned mentor for the project and a current development plan (and the qualifications and experience of the mentor will be a consideration during evaluation of the application)

Application Guidelines

Application for research grants begins with a Concept Paper, which is a brief summary of the project (written in lay terms) that will enable the Foundation to assess how well the proposed research fits with the Foundation's interests.

Information required for Concept Papers is outlined here: <https://www.gerberfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/NATIONAL-CONCEPT-PAPER-FORMAT.pdf>