



## BRIANNA MARIE MEMORIAL RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION GRANT APPLICATION DUE DATE – SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2016

The mission of the Brianna Marie Memorial Research Grant (managed by the Fetal Health Foundation) is to improve health outcomes for pregnancies and infants affected by various fetal syndromes, with particular interest to fetal lung syndromes such as fetal hydrops. By stimulating and supporting interdisciplinary research from within the maternal/fetal medicine field focused on fetal lung issues, the Research Grant will subsequently improve successful fetal development and the overall health of the newborn(s).

Completing the following grant application is the first step in obtaining funding from the Fetal Health Foundation (FHF). The process for obtaining a grant is as follows:

1. The Fetal Health Foundation shall elicit a Call for Proposals from within the fetal/maternal medicine community by July 1, 2016. Only applications submitted by licensed and/or Ph.D. doctors from reputable fetal treatment centers and research departments at credible Universities within the U.S. will be eligible for review.
2. Applicants shall complete the Research Grant Application and submit to FHF by September 15, 2016.
3. The FHF Grant Advisory Board (GAB) will review all proposals. Proposals will be reviewed using the following criteria: overall impact, significance, innovation, approach, and implications of results.
4. Upon review and determination by the GAB, FHF shall award funds to the top rated project(s) by no later than October 2016.

### Special Notes:

- Grants will be made in one year commitments. Applicants requesting funding for multiple years will be dismissed without review.
- In general, a single-year grant shall not exceed \$50,000 in funding. Funds will only be available up to the grant amount and no more will be provided above and beyond. In addition, investigators will be required to submit a detailed budget of the research program, along with a specific use of funds.
- Grantees are eligible to apply for grants in consecutive years, pending satisfactory progress on funded projects.
- Priority will be given to well-designed, hypothesis-driven research that will impact the maternal/fetal medicine industry, and specifically, the realm of fetal lung syndromes such as fetal hydrops.
- English will be the only accepted language for all facets of Research Grant Applications.
- Pregnant women or fetuses may be involved in research if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (a) Where scientifically appropriate, preclinical studies, including studies on pregnant animals, and clinical studies, including studies on nonpregnant women, have been conducted and provide data for assessing potential risks to pregnant women and fetuses;
  - (b) The risk to the fetus is caused solely by interventions or procedures that hold out the prospect of direct benefit for the woman or the fetus; or, if there is no such prospect of benefit, the risk to the fetus is not greater than minimal and the purpose of the research is the development of important biomedical knowledge which cannot be obtained by any other means;
  - (c) Any risk is the least possible for achieving the objectives of the research;
  - (d) If the research holds out the prospect of direct benefit to the pregnant woman, the prospect of a direct benefit both to the pregnant woman and the fetus, or no prospect of benefit for the woman nor the fetus when risk to the fetus is not greater than minimal and the purpose of the research is the development of important biomedical knowledge that cannot be obtained by any other means, her consent is obtained in accord with the informed consent provisions of [subpart A](#) of this part;
  - (e) If the research holds out the prospect of direct benefit solely to the fetus then the consent of the pregnant woman and the father is obtained in accord with the informed consent provisions of [subpart A](#) of [this part](#), except that the father's consent need not be obtained if he is unable to consent because of unavailability, incompetence, or temporary incapacity or the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest.
  - (f) Each individual providing consent under paragraph (d) or (e) of this section is fully informed regarding the reasonably foreseeable impact of the research on the fetus or neonate;
  - (g) For children as defined in [§46.402\(a\)](#), who are pregnant, assent and permission are obtained in accord with the provisions of [subpart D](#) of [this part](#);
  - (h) No inducements, monetary or otherwise, will be offered to terminate a pregnancy;
  - (i) Individuals engaged in the research will have no part in any decisions as to the timing, method, or procedures used to terminate a pregnancy; and
  - (j) Individuals engaged in the research will have no part in determining the viability of a neonate.



#### Key Elements of Research Grant Application:

- Cover page
- Table of Contents
- Description (abstract)
- Performance Site(s)
- Key Personnel/Biographical Sketches
- Detailed Budget (specify use of funds)
- Other Support
- Resources
- Research Plan
  - Specific Aims/Objectives
  - Background & Significance/Overall Impact
  - Preliminary Studies/Progress Report (optional)
  - Research Design/Methods (major focus on Approach and Design Methods)
- Appendices
  - References or Letters of Support (2-3)
  - List of Collaborating Partners or Centers
  - Supporting Diagrams or Illustrations
  - Schedule for Implementation

When beginning the application, please notify Talitha McGuinness of your interest so that the Foundation has a point of contact for following up as the deadline approaches. Upon completion of this Research Grant Application, please submit one PDF (1 cumulative file) by midnight CST on September 15th via email to [talitha@fetalhealthfoundation.org](mailto:talitha@fetalhealthfoundation.org). Should you have any questions regarding the completion of this Research Grant Application, please contact:

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The Fetal Health Foundation wishes to thank you for all of your hard work in improving the outcome of pregnancies/babies affected by fetal syndromes and we look forward to supporting your efforts!



**BY SUBMITTING THIS GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FHF, YOU (PI) AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. As Principal Investigator on this research project, you accept full responsibility for the scientific and financial conduct of this project.
2. If you leave the institution which is listed in this Research Grant Application, you will immediately contact FHF advising them of your departure. At that time, discussion will take place to determine if the remaining funds will follow the Principal Investigator, remain with the project at said institution, or be entirely returned to FHF.
3. Funding must be used for the specific purpose for which it is intended at an institution with "Not for Profit" status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States of America. Any funds not used specifically for the purpose of conducting this project shall be immediately returned to FHF.
4. At the completion of the project, or 1 year from the date of the award (whichever comes first), a report accounting for all funds used, along with a progress report which summarizes the research accomplishments based on the specific goals of the project, shall be submitted for review by FHF's Grant Advisory Board (GAB). Abstracts or publications resulting from this funding should be attached to your status report as well. To knowingly falsify any data or report is a criminal offense and shall subject you to criminal prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.
5. The receiving of a grant from the FHF shall in no way guarantee or obligate subsequent years' funding.
6. A statement shall be included in all publications, speeches, papers, etc, referencing that the research was "Supported by a grant from the *Fetal Health Foundation*." These publications will be used both to document that FHF funding was acknowledged and for FHF publicity and fundraising purposes.
7. While there is not a set limit to the amount of funds for which a single project may apply, in general, it is the preference of the FHF to limit funding to no more than \$50,000 per grant, per year.
8. Completed Grant Applications must be/have:
  - a. Typed using a standard Arial 11-point font with single spacing and one inch margins.
  - b. All signatures should be in black or dark blue ink.
  - c. Please use black ink to facilitate photo copying.
  - d. All graphics shall be printed in black ink to facilitate photo copying.
  - e. If any part of the application is incomplete, if any of the documents requested (listed below) are not included, or requested format is not observed, the application, at FHF's discretion, may be dismissed without review.

\*I agree to all of the terms and conditions stated above.

Contact Printed Name	Contact Signature	Date
Email Address	Phone	
Principal Investigator #1 Name	Principal Investigator #1 Signature	Date
Principal Investigator #2 Name	Principal Investigator #2 Signature	Date

\*I certify that if the Principal Investigator listed above is awarded a Research Grant, that I am the individual responsible for overseeing and tracking all grant money.

Financial Officer Printed Name	Financial Officer Signature	Date
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\*As witness to signatures of Principal Investigator(s) and Financial Officer, I approve of all facets of this Research Grant Proposal being performed by the above listed Principal Investigator(s).

Department Chairperson Printed Name	Department Chairperson Signature	Date
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