



BRIANNA MARIE MEMORIAL RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION GRANT APPLICATION DUE DATE – SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

The mission of the Brianna Marie Memorial Research Grant (managed by the Fetal Health Foundation) is to improve overall health outcomes for pregnancies and infants affected by various fetal syndromes. By stimulating and supporting interdisciplinary research from within the maternal/fetal medicine field, the Research Grant will subsequently improve successful fetal development and the overall health of affected newborns.

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 mid-June. Only applications submitted by licensed and/or Ph.D. doctors from reputable fetal treatment centers and research departments at credible Universities will be eligible for review.
2. Applicants shall complete the Research Grant Application and submit to FHF by September 13, 2019.
3. A designated 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 the first round of funds to the top rated project(s) by no later than October 18, 2019. Funds will be allocated in at least two separate rounds throughout the 12 month process, pending completion of a mid-year review for accountability.

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 be at a minimum \$25,000, but 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, and this should include BOTH direct and indirect costs.
- 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.
- All research articles should have a funding acknowledgement statement included in the manuscript should they be published in any form. An example of wording would be : "This work was supported and funded in part by the Fetal Health Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization."

Key Elements of Research Grant Application: (no page limit)

- Cover page
- Table of Contents
- Research Grant Application Agreement Form (attached)
- Description (abstract)
- Performance Site(s)
- Key Personnel/Biographical Sketches
- Detailed Budget (specify use of funds and include BOTH direct and indirect costs --- Indirect costs are NOT in addition to the funding. There is currently no set percentage max, but any costs of more than 10% of the grant, must be detailed out.)
- 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 document (1 cumulative file) by midnight CST on September 13th via email to 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 your hard work, time and commitment in improving the outcome of pregnancies/babies affected by fetal syndromes and we look forward to supporting your efforts!

