



# Pfizer Announces 2019 U.S. Acromegaly ASPIRE Program Competitive Grant Program

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG) supports the global healthcare community's independent initiatives (e.g., research, quality improvement or education) to improve patient outcomes in areas of unmet medical need that are aligned with Pfizer's medical and/or scientific strategies.

Pfizer's GMG competitive grant program involves a publicly posted Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides detail regarding a specific area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an external review panel (ERP) to make final grant decisions. Organizations are invited to submit an application addressing the specific gaps in research, practice or care as outlined in the specific RFP.

For all Investigator Sponsored Research (ISRs) and general research grants, the grant requester (and ultimately the grantee) is responsible for the design, implementation, sponsorship, and conduct of the independent initiative supported by the grant, including compliance with any regulatory requirements. Pfizer must not be involved in any aspect of study protocol or project development, nor the conduct or monitoring of the research program.



## Competitive Grant Program Eligibility

<b>Geographic Scope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United States</li> </ul>
<b>Applicant Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>To be eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The principal investigator (PI) and institution must be based in one of the eligible countries noted above.</li> <li>• The applicant (PI) must have a medical or postdoctoral degree (MD, PhD, or equivalent), an advanced nursing degree (BSN with a MS/PhD), or a degree in Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, or Social Work.</li> <li>• Applications will be open to young investigators (an individual who is within 10 years of completing their post-doctoral degree or is within 10 years of completing medical residency training [or the equivalent]) and established investigators</li> <li>• Applicant must be affiliated with a host institution</li> </ul>

## Requirements

<b>Date RFP Issued</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 11, 2019</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acromegaly</li> </ul>
<b>Area of Research Focus</b>	<p>Research projects that will be considered for Pfizer support will advance the medical knowledge of acromegaly disease, its complications and treatment with pegvisomant.</p> <p>Projects submitted may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effects of excess growth hormone in development of acromegaly complications</li> <li>• Laboratory investigations on effects of pegvisomant</li> <li>• Clinical outcomes and patient reported outcomes associated with monotherapy or combination therapy including pegvisomant</li> </ul>
<b>Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual projects requesting up to \$50,000/year for 1 to 2 years will be considered. Pfizer anticipates awarding up to 2 grants</li> <li>• The amount of the grant Pfizer will be prepared to fund for any project will depend upon the external review panel's evaluation of the proposal and costs involved, and will be stated clearly in the approval notification</li> </ul>

<b>Key Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RFP release date: February 11, 2019</li><li>• Full Proposal Deadline: June 14, 2019 <i>Please note the deadline is midnight Eastern Time (New York, GMT -5).</i></li><li>• Anticipated Full Proposal Notification Date: August 9, 2019</li><li>• Anticipated Project Timelines: 1 to 2 years<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Anticipated Project Start Date: January 2020</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>How to Apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please go to <a href="http://www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/Research">www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/Research</a> and sign in. First-time users should click “Create your password”.</li></ul> <p>Requirements for submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For the question “Competitive Grant?” select Yes</li><li>• Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: 2019 Acromegaly ASPIRE (United States)</li><li>• Complete all required sections of the online application. See Appendix A for additional details regarding the Full Proposal/Protocol.</li><li>• If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click the “Technical Questions” link at the bottom of the page</li></ul>
<b>Questions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to the Grant Officer, Amanda Stein (<a href="mailto:amanda.j.stein@pfizer.com">amanda.j.stein@pfizer.com</a>), with the subject line “2019 Acromegaly ASPIRE”</li></ul>
<b>Mechanism by which Applicants will be Notified:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All applicants will be notified via email by the dates noted above</li><li>• Applicants may be asked for additional clarification during the review period</li></ul>

## Appendix A Full Proposal/Protocol

**Applications will be accepted via the online portal. When uploading your Full Proposal/Protocol please ensure it addresses the following:**

<b>Goals and Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide the main goal of the study and the study population (if applicable). Provide a detailed definition that is directly linked to the primary objective</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment of Need for the Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This should reflect your study rationale. Provide a brief description of the medical/scientific question and the rationale of how this trial or study addresses the question</li> </ul>
<b>Target Audience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the primary audience(s) targeted for this project. For Investigator Sponsored Clinical Trials, please specify the age, gender and other demographic information for trial population</li> <li>Also indicate whom you believe will directly benefit from the project outcomes. Describe the overall population size as well as the size of your sample population</li> </ul>
<b>Project Design and Methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe concisely the research design and methods for achieving the stated goals. For a clinical interventional study, include inclusion/exclusion criteria, treatment plan and statistical plan</li> </ul>
<b>Innovation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain what measures you have taken to assure that this project idea is original and does not duplicate other projects. Describe how this project builds upon existing work, pilot projects, or ongoing projects developed either by your institution or other institutions related to this project</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation and Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specify type and frequency of safety, efficacy, and/or outcome measures. Also indicate the method(s) used to assess measures</li> <li>Provide a publication plan describing intended submission of abstracts to (a) congress(es) or intended submission of (a) publication(s) to peer-reviewed journals. All publications must follow ICH guidelines</li> </ul>
<b>Anticipated Project Timeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an anticipated timeline for your project including project start/end dates</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is any additional information you feel Pfizer should be aware of concerning the importance of this project, please summarize here</li> <li>Early-career applicants: Letter(s) of support from mentor(s) and collaborators describing how the award will advance the applicant's career.</li> </ul>

<b>Organization Detail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This information is used to assess the capability of the organizational resources available to perform the effort proposed. Identify the facilities to be used [laboratory, animal, clinical and “other”]. If appropriate, indicate their capacities, pertinent capabilities, relative proximity and extent of availability to the project</li></ul>
<b>References</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bibliography of relevant references.</li></ul>