



Coats Disease Foundation
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Guidelines

The Jack McGovern Coats Disease Foundation (JMCDF) supports medical research specific to Coats Disease and retinal disease cures which may affect a cure for Coats Disease. The Foundation seeks to encourage research which is characterized by strong leadership, a compelling track record, shared research and future potential. We identify these worthwhile research endeavors based on their alignment with Foundation priorities and internal due diligence. We value the insights of trusted colleagues and experts and seek opportunities to collaborate with others.

The Foundation welcomes unsolicited grant applications. If there is interest, we retain the right to request a full grant proposal. All applicants will receive a response within 6-8 weeks.

Priorities

Coats Disease is a rare retinal pediatric eye disease. At this time, there is no cure for the disease; parents have few resources to turn to. Many pediatricians and eye doctors around the country have never heard of this disease and misdiagnosis is common.

In recent years however, through the leadership of pediatric retinal specialists like Dr. J. Michael Jumper and researchers like Dr. Michael Trese, new drug therapies and the latest in surgical treatments, doctors are able to in many cases, stabilize the devastating effects of Coats. Cutting-edge research physicians have met and written papers to share findings which have resulted in children being able to retain the eyesight they do have, to grow and thrive UNTIL such time as there is a cure. We hope that through our [fundraising and awareness](#) efforts, breakthroughs and the organizations leading them will help our son and others to not only stave off the effects of Coats, but see again.

The Foundation seeks to invest in the work of legitimate research opportunities. We support those whose work will transform the lives of children and adults with Coats Disease.

Eligibility

The Foundation welcomes applications from organizations that meet the criteria below.

Valid tax-exempt status The Foundation makes grants to organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). We also make grants to independent projects that have a qualified tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.

Geographic Priority Projects must substantially benefit residents in the United States and if outside the country, additional information may be required to be considered.

Continuing support The Foundation will accept a Letter of Inquiry from an organization with an open grant, provided that the scheduled start date for the new grant will be after the close of the current grant. There is a rolling grant cycle.

Three-year time limit Grantees are eligible to receive funds from The Jack McGovern Coats Disease Foundation for consecutive periods of up to three years. Exceptions to this policy will be made under certain circumstances. Requests for exceptions should be directed to the President of JMCDF. Three years of consecutive funding is defined as:

- three 12-month grants awarded in three consecutive Foundation fiscal years, regardless of grant start and end dates;
- a combination of a 12-month and a 24-month grant awarded within in three consecutive Foundation fiscal years, regardless of grant start and end dates;
- one 36-month grant.

Audit requirement The Foundation requires that any applicant with an annual budget of \$1,000,000 or more provide audited financial statements. Organizations with annual budgets less than \$1,000,000 are required to provide a copy of the most recently filed IRS Form 990 and a copy of its budget review.

Waivers to this policy are occasionally granted. If your project is fiscally sponsored, the fiscal sponsor must meet the audit requirement. No waivers to this policy will be granted to sponsoring organizations.

Application Form

Jack McGovern Coats Disease Foundation
c/o The Law Offices of Russell Miller
20 Park Road, Suite E
Burlingame, CA 94010

In order for a grant request to be considered by the The Jack McGovern Coats Disease Foundation, the applying organization must be 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt. This completed form and following materials must be submitted:

This application form completed in all sections, including the required signature.

A proposal of two pages describing the proposed programs as follows:

- Objectives and purposes of the program
- Activities to achieve the objectives and purposes
- Description of the applying eligible organization including brief history
- Location and estimated duration of the program
- Intended results
- Evaluation plan to determine the results of the program
- Methodologies to be used if a research or evaluation project
- A budget identifying the projected expenses and income of the program
- A description of the way(s) in which the results of research will be disseminated (professional journals, delivered papers, conferences, online research, etc.). Failure to disseminate findings could result in revocation of funds.
- The most recent audit of the eligible institution, including the balance sheet and income statement, if audited organization.
- A list of the members of the governing board of eligible institution.
- Evidence of nonprofit status
- Amount requested

JMCDF will review complete proposals only. Please provide all requested information.

About the Program

All information on this page pertains to the program for which funding is requested.

General Information:

Program Title: _____

Beginning and ending
dates: _____

Program Director's Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Amount Requested: _____

Potential Funding:

What funds from other private or public sources have been received or are under consideration for this program?

Future Funding:

If the program is to continue beyond the grant period, what are the plans for funding the program upon expenditure of this grant?

Ideally, proposals will:

- address the strategic objectives of the JMCDF program area
- be new and/or innovative
- be best suited for funding through JMCDF—rather than through local, public or private sources of funding
- have a plan to be sustainable without relying on ongoing JMCDF funding
- show potential for measurable impact and meaningful change
- encourage new physicians/medical students to study and conduct research on Coats Disease

Process

Grant Application Overview Applications are evaluated by the JMCDF board in consultation with medical consultants who are experts in the field of pediatric retinal disease; grant applicants will be contact approximately eight weeks after the proposal deadline.

The JMCDF President will contact each organization to obtain additional information if needed and possibly schedule a site visit. Provided that a signed grant agreement has been received by JMCDF, award checks to organizations will be mailed within the first week of the grant period.

Reports

Reporting is fundamental and critical to receipt of a subsequent grant by JMCDF. All grant applicants must confirm that they will follow the reporting requirements so that donors are kept informed as to the results of the grant funding.

Dissemination of Research Findings

Copies of journals, periodicals, papers, website postings, etc. of research and other work funded by JMCDF must be submitted with final report. Failure to share research with appropriate medical community could result in return of funds to the JMCDF.