



The Kenneth Rainin Foundation (KRF)
Innovator Awards Program for IBD Research
Frequently Asked Questions

When can I apply?

The application window is open from February 15-March 15, 2010.

Is it required that the candidate be "tenure track"?

The intent of the Kenneth Rainin Foundation is to support innovative research that may lead to better diagnoses and cures for IBD. We therefore welcome applications from investigators from all fields. Our intent in designating tenure-track (or equivalent) investigators is to help ensure that the work proposed can be done in the short period of time available to accomplish the proof of principle experiments (1 year) and with appropriate institutional commitment and support. This will require the applicant to be independent and directly responsible for all aspects the project. Nevertheless, we understand that different institutions and departments have different policies regarding who is selected for specific faculty tracks. Thus, if you believe you meet these criteria, we would be happy to evaluate your proposal. If you are not a tenure track faculty member, it would be important for you to explicitly describe your position, lab space, resources potential relationship to mentors/supervisors at your institution, and other financial support in your biosketch.

Does the KRF's Awards Program apply to both clinical studies with human subjects and animal studies as well?

Yes

Is the Award considered a pilot study? In other words, should the scope of the application be for only one year or should it be long-term?

The Award is given to allow an investigator to test an Innovative Idea within one year. It can be considered a type of pilot study. Long term impact and implications are to be discussed (briefly) as well.

What level of detail is necessary in the experimental plan?

The level of detail should be appropriate for general scientists and should fit within the 3-page limit. The applicant should make this judgment as he/she writes the application.

Is it possible to have two co-Principal Investigators in the proposal?

Yes, having two co-PIs is possible as long as one of the PI's commits to being responsible for presenting the work at the end of the year.

I will be the lead person on the grant, but I will be collaborating with another physician. Can a biosketch be included for the second physician?

Yes, you can include the biosketch and up to 15 references for the second physician.

Is it possible to submit a grant as a primary investigator and an additional grant as a co-investigator?

Yes, if there is another PI on the 2nd grant, and it is a distinct grant.

Does the KRF accommodate joint research programs between a U.S. university and a European medical university?

Yes, if the application was successful, the KRF could accommodate a joint program, but it would be up to the universities to determine how to transfer funds between the institutions. In addition, our expectation would be that one investigator (presumably from the US) would use KRF funds to come to the annual meeting to present results.

We have had some interesting results with various GI disorders by integrating complementary and alternative medicine with conventional Western medicine. There are anecdotal cases of IBD resolving with holistic treatments. We would be interested in researching how comprehensive holistic models may help in the treatment of IBD. Can you please advise how your foundation may respond or perceive such an application?

Your application would be in alignment with the KRF's giving guidelines, which includes research into alternative approaches that may be nutrition-based or holistic in nature. We will apply the same rigorous standards used by the KRF in evaluating all submissions.

Do your grants cover indirect costs?

The maximum indirect costs/overhead that can be requested is 10% of total direct costs. As an example, if a grantee requests \$90,000 in direct costs, the grantee may also request up to 10% of \$90,000 or \$9,000, in indirect costs. Remember that the total grant, including indirect costs cannot exceed \$100,000. However, once a grant has been awarded, funds cannot be transferred out of direct costs to cover indirect or overhead costs even if less than the maximum allowed indirect costs was requested.

Is it necessary to include in the proposal a detailed description of the requested budget?

Yes. The budget description should be brief and simple and appropriate for the project's scope of work and absolute needs. All necessary costs to conduct the study can be budgeted, including items such as personnel, supplies and equipment. The maximum amount allowed for the Principal Investigator's salary is \$10,000. If there is a co-

Principal Investigator, the total is \$10,000 (not \$10,000 per Investigator). Disclosure of ALL present and future financial support is required, including NIH and other agencies such as CCFA, Broad Foundation, etc.

Each initial grant will be for a TOTAL amount of \$100,000, and the institution will be allowed to take indirect costs as 10% of direct costs. Once a grant has been awarded, funds cannot be transferred out of direct costs to cover indirect or overhead costs.

Grant award recipients will be invited back to the KRF to present their findings, and discuss them with other awardees and the Scientific Advisory Board. Travel costs to attend the KRF-SAB Annual Meeting must be budgeted. This is a one-day meeting held in Oakland, California. Funds awarded for travel (economy airfare only) and related costs to attend the Annual Meeting are restricted and cannot be used for any other purpose without prior KRF approval. Funds cannot be used to cover travel to attend other scientific meetings.

Is there a budget template?

No, but we ask that you keep the budget brief and simple.

Does the budget description need to be part of the 3-page proposal or can it be submitted as an additional page?

The budget description can be submitted as part of the 3-page proposal or submitted separately. Either way, the budget should be uploaded along with the proposal.

Does the project have to be completed in one year?

Successful projects may be eligible for significant multi-year funding based on the initial year's proof of principle work.