

## Instructions for Submitting a Research Grant to the



**The Mission** of the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan Foundation (RIMF) is to elevate the mind, body, and spirit of those with physical and cognitive disabilities by uniting them with world-class people, and solutions.

- Funding:  
\$50,000 max (\$25,000 per year over a two-year grant period)
- The RIM Foundation is soliciting investigator-initiated research proposals focusing on either pediatric or adult orthopedic conditions with the goal of improving long-term outcomes and patient independence on more extensive surgical interventions or the reliance on pharmacological and other medical dependencies.
- Highlighted areas of research focus include the following, although other topics will be considered:
  - Outcomes
  - Quality (QA)
  - Implementation
  - Etiology
  - Pediatrics and adults
  - Orthopedic and/or Neurological
- Clinical relevance of all proposals must be clearly noted in the abstract, tied into the mission of the RIMF and specific aims and be obvious from the title and the study design. All proposed projects are expected to generate results that have a practical application and are publishable. It is expected that upon completion of the proposed project, the principal investigator will be well poised to pursue NIH/DOD or the equivalent large-scale funding to continue to advance this area of research.
- Covers research expenses.
- Travel allowance of \$2,000.00 can be used for academic conference presentation, peer review or paper.
- Salary is allowed so long as the recipient is not being paid by another entity while working on the research grant.

## Who can Apply?

- Domestic, non-profit or public, and private institutions of higher education, such as hospitals, medical schools, universities, and colleges in the tri county area.
- New or established investigators who have demonstrated a sustained interest in this line of research and excellence in their training.
- Orthopaedic surgeons serving as the principal investigator (PI) must be licensed to practice and working in an institution in Southeast Michigan.
- PhDs or DVMs working in or holding a primary appointment at an institution/orthopedic department may serve as the PI. A letter from the department chair confirming the appointment is required.

## Necessary documents needed from each applicant are:

- Application
- CV with references
- Budget, including “manpower” dollars
- Progress every 3 months if the grant is 1 year
- Progress every 6 months if the grant is two years

**Letters of Intent (LOI)** – The first step in applying for this grant is to submit a LOI. All properly submitted LOIs will be reviewed by RIMF Research Committee. If your LOI is selected to advance, you will be invited to submit a full proposal. Please submit all LOI and grant applications to Katie Spillane Knight at [kspillane@RIMFoundation.org](mailto:kspillane@RIMFoundation.org)

## Letter of intent should include the following:

1. Abstract/Summary
2. Statement of Need
3. Project Activity, Methodology and Outcomes
4. Evaluation
5. Dissemination
6. Budget and Continuation Funding

LOI deadline for the fourth quarter is October 15, 2022.

Accepted LOI will be notified October 30, 2022

Full proposal is due November 10, 2022

If you have a question for the RIMF grants team, please submit a question by emailing us at [kspillane@RIMFoundation.org](mailto:kspillane@RIMFoundation.org)