

**SKY FOUNDATION
RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION AND
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY September 1, 2022

General Guidelines and Policies for Grant Submission

Introduction

Sky Foundation Inc. is a private, non-profit organization established to raise awareness and fund innovative research for the early detection and treatment of pancreatic cancer.

Grant Eligibility Criteria

Applicant Criteria Applicants must be employed by a U.S. institution engaged in health-related research, a physician or have an advanced degree (MD, DO, PhD, or international equivalent). Further, work sponsored by Sky Foundation must be conducted in the U.S. In case of a change in institutions while applying for, or utilizing funds from Sky Foundation, applicants must notify our organization, and will be subject to review based upon the change in circumstances. Collaborations with more senior scientists in an advisory or mentorship role during this project are viewed favorably during the review process.

Up to three \$50,000 awards will be granted to the best applications from three categories of applicants: 1) a postdoctoral fellows or non-tenure track faculty members 2) pre-tenured tenure track faculty members and 3) tenured faculty members. A cover letter should be included indicating the category for which the applicant is applying.

Research/Grant Criteria The research must be in the field of pancreatic cancer. Studies intended to advance knowledge in the areas of pancreatic carcinoma, especially early detection and novel therapies, would be closest to the areas of interest for Sky Foundation.

The funding must be for a project where the results lead to valuable preliminary data that could lead to a larger grant that would potentially be transformative. Overlap with existing sources of funding should be clearly identified in the Other Support document. Funding is to cover direct costs only, and costs should be reflected in the budget.

Selection Criteria

All proposals received and accepted for review will be reviewed by Sky Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee. The members of this committee are physicians/researchers with special interests in the field of pancreatic diseases. They will review the proposals and make recommendations for funding based on the merit of the proposed research, including its relevance to the field of pancreatic diseases. The Scientific Advisory Committee will make a report to the Board of Directors. Only by a positive vote of the Board can proposals be accepted for funding. Applicants will be notified by September 16, 2022.

Non-Profit Statement

Sky Foundation Inc. is a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Funding can only be granted to institutions that can attest to their similar non-profit status.

Preparation and Submission of Application

Preparation

Applicants should complete the original Research Grant Application provided by Sky Foundation and submit the application online using a single electronic file (Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format). The application format should be as follows using the segments listed below:

Title; Name and Affiliation of PI and all key investigators

Abstract: limited to 300 words; The Abstract portion of the application should contain enough information to adequately explain the project and its relevance to the pancreas. This page should also contain 3-5 key words or phrases that best describes the application.

Grant content to be restricted to 3 pages (1" margins and Arial or similar font with minimum 11-point size) and organized as follows:

- Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Data, Proposed Studies and Methods

Returning applicants will need to supply an additional update/progress report (maximum 1 page) of their existing research previously funded by Sky Foundation.

One page of references cited.

Budget Justification: Not more than one page. Justification for salary support, supplies, and equipment listed in the budget page should be detailed. The budget should be inclusive and for direct costs only.

Bio Sketch and Other Support (maximum of 4 pages) should be submitted in NIH format for the Principal Investigator and other investigators listed in the application. Returning applicants will need to supplement their Bio Sketch and Other Support, if applicable.

Potential overlap with other funding should be clearly detailed which should be identified in the Other Support document.

The Principal Investigator and the Institutional Representative must sign the application before it will be accepted for review.

The Attestation Statement must be read and signed by the Principal Investigator. Item number 8 refers to the Investigator's commitment that the research will be conducted under the supervision of an Institution at which appropriate standards and oversights are working.

Submission

The entire grant application should be submitted in a single electronic file in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format. It must be submitted to emails:

SheilaKasselman@SkyFoundationInc.org; ADalton@SkyFoundationInc.org; settlemo@oakland.edu

Notification

The notification of the decision of Sky Foundation's Board of Directors regarding funding will be sent to the applicant and the Institutional Representative approximately September 16, 2022.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

SKY FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION

Date: _____

Title of Project: _____

Total Amount Requested: \$ _____

Principal Investigator:

Official of Institution:

Name (Last, First, MI), Degree

Name (Last, First, MI), Degree

Name of Institution

Name of Institution

Department

Department

Street Address

Street Address

City, State, and Zip Code

City, State, and Zip Code

Telephone and Fax numbers

Telephone and Fax numbers

Email Address

Email Address

It is the responsibility of the institution to assure that the activities funded by this grant are properly carried out in accordance with the guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This assurance is verified by the signature of the Official signing below:

Researcher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Official: _____

Date: _____

Budget Proposal

Personnel Total: _____

Salaries: _____

Benefits: _____

Equipment: _____

Supplies Total: (group in categories below) _____

Category 1: _____

Category 2: _____

Miscellaneous Total: (list specifics below) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED (MUST match amount on page one): _____

Attestation Statement Regarding Indirect and Duplicate Costs

1. By affixing my signature below, I attest that I have read and will adhere to the following principles with regard to funding supplied to me by Sky Foundation Inc.
2. The funds I have applied for will be used to fund only the direct costs of the proposed research for which I am applying. I understand at this time no funds are available for indirect costs.
3. I further understand if duplicate funding for this project is obtained, I will immediately inform Sky Foundation. In the event any portion of the project is now being funded by, or in the future is funded, by another source, I will fully disclose that to Sky Foundation.
4. Application shall be on the form provided by the Foundation. If the application is made by a research organization, such organization must be exempt from federal taxation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
5. The principle area of investigation shall be in the area of pancreatic disease, and the proposed research shall serve to advance existing pancreatic disease research in accordance with Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
6. The principal investigator's institution will be responsible for certifying to Sky Foundation the research is being conducted in accordance with current medical research standards and complies with the current guidelines of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources regarding Vertebrate Animals, Recombinant DNA, Research Misconduct, and Financial Conflict of Interest. The institution will further verify any research involving human subjects or vertebrate animals has been approved by the necessary review boards and committees, in accordance with existing laws and regulations.
7. The Principal Investigator shall submit a budget with the application.
- 8. Upon completion of the research project, the Principal Investigator shall submit a final financial report, as well as a written summary of research results, listing all publications in which the findings have been published.**

Principal Investigator Signature Date