



Faculty Research and Development (R&D) Grants

The Research and Development Committee

The committee meets up to twice annually to review Research and Development (R&D) applications and make funding recommendations to the Vice Chair of Research Operations and Vice Chair of Research Development. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by email.

Research and Development Award Funds

The purpose of the R&D Award Fund is to support research activities, including medical education and quality improvement (QI) projects. Funds are awarded with the expectation that they will support activities leading to scholarly output, such as publications and grant applications for funding outside of the department of pediatrics (DOP). It is not the purpose of the R&D fund to be the long-term, sole source of support for a particular research project or to provide relief from grant overspending.

Allowable expenses include:

- personnel, including the use of the DOPs Pediatric Clinical Research Coordination (PCRC) group and department regulatory support,
- supplies and software,
- participant payments and costs related to regulatory compliance (e.g. CMS monitoring for FDA regulated research), and
- other services in direct support of the proposed project.

Unallowable expenses:

- faculty salary support,
- computing devices (computers, iPads, scanners, printers, etc.) unless used solely for the operation of a laboratory instrument, for image analysis, or dedicated to a clinical research project, and
- conference travel.

Eligibility Statement

All faculty members whose primary appointment is with the DOP are eligible to submit an R&D proposal. Proposals from DOP scientists and researchers must be submitted by the associated DOP faculty member on their behalf. Only one application submission per faculty member may be funded over any 12-month period.

Application Guidelines

1. The submission deadline will be strictly adhered to, and applications will not be accepted after the deadline (11:59 pm CST on the deadline date) has passed.
2. Applications must be submitted via the DOP's R&D funding electronic submission system
3. The research plan is limited to 2 pages: 0.5" margins and Arial 11pt font; the budget & justification does not need to be within the 2-page research plan page limit. Templates and examples: <https://www.pediatrics.wisc.edu/research/funding-opportunities/faculty-rd/>
4. R&D awards are for a one-year period. The committee will not consider R&D applications that incur a continuing (multi-year) obligation.
5. The maximum funding request is \$20,000.
6. If a faculty member requests carryover of an unspent balance of 50% or more of the previous year's R&D award, that faculty member is ineligible to apply for new R&D funding.

Funding Priorities

Decisions are based primarily on scientific merit and on the goal of fostering the department's research base and productivity, with a particular focus on supporting junior faculty. In addition, the following criteria will be used to prioritize proposals for funding:

- generation of preliminary data and early-stage findings that aim to support a funding proposal outside the DOP;
- a proposal that will lead to scholarly output, such as a publication;
- QI proposals that could lead to changes in clinical care.

Faculty with unspent start-up, bridge, retention, and/or professorship funds from OVCR, SMPH and/or DOP are ineligible for funding from the R&D committee. Upon which time those funds are fully expended, the faculty member will become eligible to submit a proposal for R&D funding.

Faculty who received an R&D award in the past three years will be required to submit details of scholarly output related to that award with their proposal and may be given lower priority for funding.

Recipient Responsibilities

1. If your application indicated that biosafety, human subjects and/or animal committee approvals were pending, the research can commence after notification to the R&D committee that the appropriate clearances have been obtained.
2. Notify the R&D committee and/or departmental administration if additional funding is received for the specific project, so that the award dollars can be returned to the general fund.
3. If funds are not expected to be expended at the end of the one-year award period, an extension and carryover may be requested for one additional year. This request should be included in the progress report. Any unspent funds at the end of the 12-month award period or the one-year carryover period will be returned to the general fund.
4. Submit a one-page research summary at the end of the award year (and at the end of the 2nd year, if an extension and carryover approval are granted). This summary should describe how the R&D funds advanced the research described in the application. Citations of manuscripts submitted, and grant applications derived from these funds should be included in the research report.