



NEW RESEARCH GRANTS FOR NOVEL APPROACHES TO LUPUS

Grant Application Deadline July 10, 2017

The **Lupus Research Alliance** invites applications for financial support for idea-driven, novel research projects relevant to basic, translational or clinical investigation in lupus.

Novel Research Grants provide early stage support for exceptionally creative and innovative approaches to major challenges in lupus research. Successful proposals will advance novel hypotheses and/or technologies that have the potential to stimulate new research directions and propel the field forward. Applications will be judged principally on novelty of the hypotheses, scientific quality, strength of approach, relevance to lupus, likelihood of success, and potential impact for those living with lupus. Rationale for the hypotheses proposed rather than amount of preliminary data will be emphasized.

Continuations of long-term research projects are not appropriate for this submission.

The program goals are to stimulate investigation of underexplored pathways and initiate transformative discoveries in lupus that can drive the development of safer and more effective treatments. Investigations into the **fundamental mechanisms** of lupus and its complications, explorations of **novel targets and pathways**, and applications involving **novel technologies** and **interdisciplinary approaches** are particularly encouraged.

The Lupus Research Alliance also encourages projects based on novel explorations of lupus biology, including innovative studies that use human material to address the physiological, cellular, molecular and/or genetic basis of human lupus.

Applications from investigators in diverse disciplines, including those who may not have worked in lupus are welcomed. Both established and new investigators may apply. Applicants should hold advanced degrees and be affiliated with institutions of higher learning. Applications from outside the United States are encouraged. Grant application research plans are limited to six pages. Annual funding of up to \$100,000 per year, beginning March 2018, for a term of up to three years, will be awarded for approved projects.

Full guidelines are available [here](#). For additional information contact Diomaris Gonzalez, Director, Grant Programs at research.admin@lupusresearch.org.

To submit an Application, please visit proposalCentral at <http://proposalcentral.altum.com/> and search for the Lupus Research Alliance Grant Application. Applications must be received by 5:00 PM EST on July 10, 2017.