

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES SUMMER 2022

The John Ritter Foundation for Aortic Health is requesting proposals for its Summer 2022 Grant Award which supports a one-year grant totaling \$65,000. This grant is designed to provide financial support for investigators studying thoracic aortic aneurysms and dissections.

The objective of this grant is to fund projects that have the potential to make significant impact on clinical care and quality of life for people with or at risk for thoracic aortic dissection. Areas of interest include patient education, physician and other clinician education, and exercise. Each project should additionally incorporate a mental health component if appropriate. These topics were identified by the Aortic Dissection Collaborative for Patient-Centered Research as high priorities for the thoracic aortic disease patient community.

Schedule

Applications due: August 15, 2022

Award announcement: September 15, 2022

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A. Introduction

The John Ritter Foundation for Aortic Health (JRF) provides funds to support research related to thoracic aortic aneurysms and dissections. The Summer 2022 Grant Award is for \$65,000 over one year. Grant awards are based on proposal evaluation by The JRF Professional Advisory Board with the approval of the Board of Directors.

B. Proposals solicited

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C. Budget

This award is for \$65,000 over one year. Any unexpended funds shall be returned to the JRF upon completion of the granting period unless extension is approved by the JRF.

D. Duration

The one-year funding period begins September 30, 2022 and ends September 29, 2023.

E. Qualifications of the principal investigator (PI)

The PI should be graduate level trained in an appropriate field. The JRF encourages early-stage investigators to collaborate with senior investigators with experience in the field of thoracic aortic disease.

F. Review Process

Proposals will be reviewed on the basis of their merit and strength. Applications will be reviewed by for completeness and relevance by JRF staff. The JRF Professional Advisory Board will review and score project proposals based on scientific impact and feasibility. The final decision to fund a project is at the discretion of the Board of Directors for The John Ritter Foundation for Aortic Health.

G. Diversity and Inclusion

The JRF strongly supports diversity and inclusion and encourages applications by BIPOC, people with disabilities, members of the LGBTQ+ community and those with non-traditional career trajectories.

H. Publications

All discoveries resulting from work supported in part by The John Ritter Foundation for Aortic Health should be made available to the public and scientific community through approved scientific. Publications will acknowledge the support of The John Ritter Foundation.

RESEARCH GRANT AWARD PROGRAM

Application process

All applications must be saved in a PDF format with the following file title: **PI last name_P I first name_ JRF2022**. Email the completed application to info@johnritterfoundation.org.

- Completed Summer 2022 grant application cover sheet (page 3)
- Current Curriculum Vitae for PI
- Project abstract
- Lay narrative
- Research plan (no word limit)
- Budget and justification (no word limit)

Project abstract (1 page limit)

Briefly describe the aims, methods, and anticipated impact of the proposed research. The description should address how the projects fits within the scope of JRF funding priorities.

Lay narrative (1 page limit)

Provide an abstract in language suitable for presentation for laypersons.

RESEARCH PLAN (no limit)

Should include Objectives; Rationale; Methodology; Evaluation. Please comment on the significance of the research you propose on the community of patients with or at risk for thoracic aortic disease. Please comment on how your research plan incorporates a mental health component. Provide a proposed timeline based on expected milestones that will be accomplished for each specific aim.

Budget and justification (no limit)

List full budget with amount requested. Budget should include names, titles, time/percentage effort of all participants, requested salaries and fringe benefits. Supplies needed. Overhead costs are limited to 10%.

Summer 2022 grant application cover sheet

TITLE OF PROJECT			
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR			
Name	Degrees(s)		
Institution	Department		
Mailing address	City	State	Zip code
Phone number	Email		

CO-INVESTIGATORS	
Name & Degree(s)	Affiliation