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Application Information and Guidelines



Parenteral
Nutrition

**Research
Grant**

Latin America

by Fresenius Kabi

This Research Grant supports original work directly relevant to the therapeutic area of nutritional therapy, with a focus on parenteral nutrition in hospitalized adult patients in Latin America.

At a glance	Eligibility:	New and established institutions
	Amount of the grant:	€ 100,000 or equivalent
	Duration of financial support:	2 years
	Deadline for submission:	July 15, 2018
	Start date of the project:	October 2018

Description The grant is offered to institutions to support clinical research projects in the area of clinical nutrition with a focus on parenteral nutrition in hospitalized adult patients in Latin America. The grant has a duration of 2 years. By the end of the first year (before October 31, 2019), a progress report (interim analysis) must be submitted. Based on the report the Grant Committee will decide on further financing of a second year by the grant. The Research Grant Committee reserves the right to terminate the grant if the grantee does not comply with the terms and purpose of the grant.

Objective To stimulate research of clinical relevance in the area of nutritional therapy with a focus on parenteral nutrition in hospitalized adult patients in Latin America.

Qualification Investigators of the institutions must possess medical doctor degree or comparable academic degree (e.g. nutritionists with PhD or pharmacist with PhD) and/or have published convincing research work in recognized academic journals. Applications from interdisciplinary teams are appreciated. Candidates may not hold grants on a similar topic from other external parties except from federal grants.

Grant Overlap If a grant recipient receives notification of another grant (from a pharmaceutical company) with overlapping scientific objectives, prior to the start date of the Research Grant, the applicant must choose between the grants.

- Requirements**
- Applications must be made in English.
 - The grant must be used to support expenses that are directly related to the research project (e.g. equipment, analysis); it may not be used for other expenses which includes without limitation tuition, lab assistant pay, consultant fees, travel costs or personal expenses. If the research project involves the use of human volunteers, payment for volunteers would be accepted within the local legal framework.
 - Established investigators who are supplying for the grant to support a new initiative should state explicitly how the initiative is different from their previous line of research or justify continuation of previous work.
 - Approval from the appropriate ethic committee (EC) for use by humans or animals. For the application, proof of submission to EC is sufficient, however full EC approval must be granted by the time the grant is awarded.
 - The applicant guarantees that the project will be accomplished and reported within two years.

Review Process All eligible applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Research Grant Committee consisting of established investigators. As a part of the review process, information provided by the applicant for peer review will be shared with scientists independent from Fresenius Kabi.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be selected based on originality, scientific validity, clinical implication and overall interest.

Application

1. Applications are only possible, if Fresenius Kabi parenteral nutrition products are available in the country of application. Applications to use parenteral nutrition in sensitive populations, e.g. children or pregnant women, are excluded.
2. All applications will be investigated for eligibility.
3. Applicants must use the official application form, which has to be signed by the principal investigator and his/her supervisor.
4. The research plan should be divided into the following parts:
 - A Clear study hypothesis/research question**
 - B Rationale and clinical significance of hypothesis/research question (literature review)**
 - C Preliminary studies**
 - D Research design and methods**
 - Primary and secondary endpoints
 - Methods
 - Techniques
 - Data documentation and management
 - Data analysis (including appropriate statistical methods, power and sample size calculation of the primary endpoint)
 - Feasibility of the research plan (project plan incl. milestones and timelines, patient recruitment in a reasonable time)
 - E References**
 - F Maximum 2 page curriculum vitae** (including scientific publications, presentations and research, overview of academic activities)
5. Decisions will be based upon the quality of the submitted information.
6. The Research Grant recipient will be announced September 2018 by mail and will be officially honored in a ceremony in September at the FELANPE 2018 congress in Mexico.
7. In 2020 (at the FELANPE 2020) the results of the research project shall be presented.

Deadline **July 15, 2018**

Submission Instruction

This is a firm deadline; no applicants will be accepted after this date. The complete application will contain:

- i) Grant application form
- ii) Detailed research plan (application body A-F: total 10 pages)
- iii) Affirmative letter of ethics committee approval. If not yet available, submission letter to ethics committee is sufficient, however full approval must be available by the time the award is granted.

Applications will be returned to the applicant if received without all applicable documents. The letter of the ethics committee approval can be provided subsequently. However, if the grant is awarded, no funds will be sent until a grant contract is signed and all requirements of the grant are fulfilled.

All grant components must be submitted on A4 paper, with margins of at least 2 cm on all four sides. Use Arial, Times New Roman or similar style in font size 12. Be sure to utilize headings and formatting as needed to improve clarity and readability.

About 'United for clinical nutrition'



2015

Launched in May 2015 by Fresenius Kabi, 'United for clinical nutrition' seeks to **support healthcare professionals** across Latin America in fighting disease-related malnutrition.

2016

The **Screening Day Latin America** was a key milestone to gain insights into the daily nutritional practice of **116 participating hospitals** as well as the nutritional status of 1.053 critically ill patients.

2017/2018

Now, the **research grant** takes the commitment to a new level by providing resources to enable further research to advocate adequate clinical nutrition.

To learn more, visit **unitedforclinicalnutrition.com**.

Please note

This brochure is part of an information pack to inform you about the Parenteral Nutrition Research Grant Latin America, which also includes the 'Grant Application Form' and 'Empowering Future Clinical Nutrition Research'. Visit **unitedforclinicalnutrition.com** for the entire kit, and for more information.