



Pfizer Announces a **Research Grant RFP**

## ***Assessment of on-time immunization coverage in children under 2 years of age in Canada***

***Competitive Grant Program - internal Pfizer review process***

### **I. Background**

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG) supports the global healthcare community's independent initiatives (e.g., research, quality improvement, or education) to improve patient outcomes in areas of unmet medical need that are aligned with Pfizer's medical and/or scientific strategies.

Pfizer's GMG competitive grant program involves a publicly posted general Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides detail regarding a general area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an internal Pfizer review process to make final grant decisions. Organizations are invited to submit an application addressing the research gaps as outlined in the specific RFP.

For all Investigator Sponsored Research (ISRs) and general research grants, the grant requester (and ultimately the grantee) is responsible for the design, implementation, sponsorship, and conduct of the independent initiative supported by the grant, including compliance with any regulatory requirements. Pfizer must not be involved in any aspect of study protocol or project development, nor the conduct or monitoring of the research program.

## II. Eligibility

<b>Geographic Scope:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canada</li> </ul>
<b>Applicant Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The principal investigator (PI) must be based in a healthcare, public health or academic institutions in eligible provinces noted above, who can have access to individual-level immunization records in their province.</li> <li>• Only organizations are eligible to receive grants, not individuals or medical practice groups.</li> <li>• The applicant (PI) should have appropriate qualification to conduct the research and adequate access to data sources. Appropriate qualification can include medical or postdoctoral degree (MD, PhD, or equivalent), an advanced nursing degree (BSN with a MS/PhD), a degree in Pharmacy, MSc in Public Health, epidemiology or similar</li> <li>• Applicant must be affiliated with a host institution</li> </ul>

## III. Requirements

<b>Date RFP Issued</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 13, 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccines, public health, immunization coverage in children</li> </ul>
<b>General Area of Interest for this RFP:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to assess the uptake of pediatric vaccination programs (including pneumococcal vaccination programs) at a regional/provincial level. The period of observation could include but should not be limited to COVID-19 outbreak period. Vaccine coverage data, including the information about on-time uptake of each individual dose are necessary to better understand immunization coverage gaps in order to design remedial measures. Additionally, these data may help inform interpretation of immunization program effectiveness and the design of future programs across Canada.</li> </ul>
<b>Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expected approximate range of grant awards: \$50,000 CAD to \$100,000 CAD. Total amount in grants \$190,000 CAD.</li> <li>• We will consider grants over \$100,000 CAD depending on the size and scope of the program.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Key Dates:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFP release date: Jul. 13, 2020</li> <li>• Grant Application due date: Aug. 24, 2020 *Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g. New York, GMT -5).</li> <li>• Anticipated Grant Award Notification Date: Sep. 2020 *Please note final approval is subject to FCPA compliance review.</li> <li>• Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement.</li> <li>• Anticipated Project Start and End Dates: Nov. 2020 to Nov. 2021.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How to Submit:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please go to <a href="http://www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/Research">www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/Research</a> and sign in. First-time users should click “Create your password”.</li> <li>• In the application:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For the question “Are you replying to a Request for Proposal as part of the Competitive Grant Program?” select Yes</li> <li>○ Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: <b>2020 VAC L – Pediatric immunization coverage assessment in Canada</b></li> <li>○ Select the following Primary Area of Interest: <b>Vaccine Preventable Disease – Pneumococcal</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Requirements for submission: Complete all required sections of the online application and upload your project proposal (see Appendix) in the Proposal/Protocol field.</li> <li>• If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click the “Technical Questions” link at the bottom of the page.</li> </ul> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Be advised applications submitted after the due date will not be reviewed.</p>
<p><b>Questions:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to the Grant Officer, Pina Mustillo (<a href="mailto:pina.mustillo@pfizer.com">pina.mustillo@pfizer.com</a>), with the subject line “On-time immunization coverage assessment in children under 2 years of age in Canada.”</li> <li>• Please click <a href="#">here</a> to view Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Competitive Grant Program</li> </ul>
<p><b>Review and Approval Process</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant requests received in response to a general RFP are reviewed by Pfizer to make final grant decisions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mechanism by which Applicants will be Notified:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All applicants will be notified via email by the dates noted above.</li> <li>• Applicants may be asked for additional clarification during the review period.</li> </ul>

## Appendix A General RFP Submission Requirements

**Project Proposals/Protocols should be single-spaced using Calibri 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Note there is a 15-page limit exclusive of references. Please include the following:**

<b>Goals and Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide the main goal of the study and the study population (if applicable). Provide a detailed definition that is directly linked to the primary objective</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment of Need for the Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This should reflect your study rationale. Provide a brief description of the medical/scientific question and the rationale of how this trial or study addresses the question</li> </ul>
<b>Target Audience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the primary audience(s) targeted for this project. For Investigator Sponsored Clinical Trials, please specify the age, gender and other demographic information for trial population</li> <li>Also indicate whom you believe will directly benefit from the project outcomes. Describe the overall population size as well as the size of your sample population</li> </ul>
<b>Project Design and Methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe concisely the research design and methods for achieving the stated goals. For a clinical interventional study, include inclusion/exclusion criteria, treatment plan and statistical plan</li> </ul>
<b>Innovation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain what measures you have taken to assure that this project idea is original and does not duplicate other projects. Describe how this project builds upon existing work, pilot projects, or ongoing projects developed either by your institution or other institutions related to this project</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation and Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specify type and frequency of safety, efficacy, and/or outcome measures. Also indicate the method(s) used to assess measures</li> <li>Provide a publication plan describing intended submission of abstracts to (a) congress(es) or intended submission of (a) publication(s) to peer-reviewed journals. All publications must follow ICH guidelines</li> </ul>
<b>Anticipated Project Timeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an anticipated timeline for your project including project start/end dates</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is any additional information you feel Pfizer should be aware of concerning the importance of this project, please summarize here</li> <li>Early-career applicants: Letter(s) of support from mentor(s) and collaborators describing how the award will advance the applicant's</li> </ul>

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<b>Organization Detail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This information is used to assess the capability of the organizational resources available to perform the effort proposed. Identify the facilities to be used [laboratory, animal, clinical and “other”]. If appropriate, indicate their capacities, pertinent capabilities, relative proximity and extent of availability to the project</li></ul>
<b>References</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bibliography of relevant references.</li></ul>