

Call for Proposals, October 2022

Grants to Support Workforce Diversity in Genomics Research

Proposals due: Jan. 13, 2023

Awards announced: Mar. 1, 2023

Earliest start date: Apr. 1, 2023

These awards are made in memory of our colleague Dr. Deborah A. Nickerson who was deeply committed to mentoring and to supporting increased diversity in the genomics workforce. The Genomics Research to Elucidate the Genetics of Rare diseases (GREGoR) Consortium is a network of researchers at five Research Centers and a Data Coordinating Center focused on developing strategies to more readily identify causal variants associated with rare genetic diseases that have not been solved using whole exome sequencing. Details about the Consortium can be found on the [Consortium's website](#).

Applications may be made for one of two purposes:

1. to receive funding for professional development and/or training for up to one year at an institution of the applicant's choice that enhances the applicant's ability to pursue genomic research; or
2. to receive funding for travel, registration, or other expenses related to attending a conference, workshop, or other short-term educational or professional development experience.

Application Format and Submission

Applicants should use [this Application Template](#) for their proposal. The application should include name, affiliation, a brief description of the planned activities (one page or less) and a detailed description of the associated costs. If the planned activity is dependent on collaborating with others (e.g. visiting a lab) the application should include appropriate letters of support.

The application should also include a one-page description of how the proposed activities will support professional development in genomic research, how the applicant will benefit from the proposed professional development and/or conference/workshops or educational event attendance, and how supporting the professional development can foster workforce diversity in genomics research.

For detailed information regarding the requirement forms/documents see the [GREGoR Consortium Grant Opportunities webpage](#).

No Letter of Intent is needed for this award.

Applications should be submitted by email to gregorconsortium@uw.edu by Jan. 13, 2023.

Budget and Project Period

The Consortium intends to fund one professional development award each in years 2023, 2024 and 2025 and about 4 conference/educational events/travel awards for each year in years 2023, 2024 and 2025 beginning on April 1st of each year, but this depends on the number of meritorious applications. Applicants may request up to \$60,000 in direct costs for one year for professional development and up to \$4,000 for conference/educational events/travel.

Due Dates

Jan. 13, 2023, Jan. 2024, Jan. 2025 (specific dates for 2024 and 2025 will be announced later).

Eligibility

Any researcher who is not part of a funded GREGoR lab (i.e., the applicant does not have 'core member' status in GREGoR) is eligible for this funding call. An awardee may, however, be at the same institution as a GREGoR center. Researchers from foreign institutions may apply. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply for these funding opportunities.

Questions

If you have questions regarding eligibility or appropriateness of the professional development or educational event, we strongly encourage you to email gregorconsortium@uw.edu.

See a brief [summary/comparison of GREGoR Grant Opportunities](#).