



FIP Hospital Pharmacy Section Research Grant Application Guide

Purpose

The FIP Hospital Pharmacy Section works to further improve and support hospital pharmacy practices around the world. Today, we support high-quality research that is relevant to policies and practices that affect hospital pharmacists.

Research Focus Areas

Although projects relating to any area of hospital pharmacy practice are considered eligible for this grant, preference will be given to high-quality projects aligned with the implementation of the revised Basel Statements. In particular, research focusing on seamless care, medication safety or interprofessional collaboration will be given priority.

Funding Criteria

Projects must be aligned with one of the section's current research focus areas. Research questions should inform policies or practices to improve hospital pharmacy practices or study how to improve the use of evidence in the hospital pharmacy setting.

Projects should demonstrate sound theoretical grounding, sophisticated conceptualization, and relevance to policy or practice. Proposals must reflect a mastery of relevant theory and empirical findings, and clearly state the theoretical and empirical contributions they will make to existing knowledge. Projects may focus on either generating or testing theory, depending on the state of knowledge about a topic. Although we do not expect that any one project will or should impact policy or practice, all proposals should discuss how the findings will be relevant to policy or practice.

Projects should employ rigorous methods that are commensurate with the proposal's goals. The research design should describe how the empirical work will test, refine, or elaborate specific theoretical notions.



The study's design, methods, and analysis plan should fit the research questions. The sampling and measurement plans should clearly state why they are well-suited to address the research questions or hypotheses. For example, samples should be appropriate in size and composition to answer the study's questions. The quantitative and/or qualitative analysis plan should demonstrate awareness of the strengths and limits of the specific analytic techniques. If proposing mixed methods, plans for integrating the methods and data should be clear.

Research plans must demonstrate feasibility. The methods, time frame, staffing plan, and other resources must be realistic. Prior training and publications should demonstrate that the applicant has a track record of conducting strong research and communicating it successfully.

Eligibility

Principal investigators (PI) must be members of the FIP Hospital Pharmacy Section. Grants are made to organizations, not individuals. We do not support or make contributions to building funds, fundraising drives, endowment funds, general operating budgets, or scholarships. Institutions usually have their own eligibility criteria regarding who can act as PI on a grant. This often excludes graduate students. Graduate students can, however, be listed as Co-Principal Investigators on this grant.

Proposal format

All grant proposals must use and follow the "Application to FIP HPS Research Grant" form that accompanies the call for proposals. Applications should not exceed 10 pages.

Budget

For the purposes of this grant, no overhead costs are permitted. If the total cost of the project is larger than the amount requested from the FIP Hospital Pharmacy Section, an overall financial plan for the whole effort must be included, including the identification of matching financial contributions (either secured or anticipated). When possible, letters of support from other funders should be included indicating their willingness to provide funds and the amount of support to be provided.

Funds to be awarded

Successful applicants will receive 50% of the requested funds immediately upon award of the grant. The remaining 50% will be received when the final report is submitted.