



Cleveland Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
Submit to Pat Wolf clesog@gmail.com

Funding Purpose: To support the research and academic development of trainees (residents and fellows) of the active members of the Cleveland Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Format: Proposals for funding should be submitted in electronic format to the CLEsog and include the following sections (A, B, C, D). **The minimum font size is 11 point with 0.5-inch margins.**

A. Description of proposed research: Section A is not to exceed six pages, including all figures and tables

1. Specific Aims and Hypotheses of the project
2. Background and Significance
3. Innovation
4. Preliminary Results or Summary of Relevant Studies
5. Research Design and Methods (including statistical analyses)
6. A description of human subjects' protection and/or animal welfare, IRB, or other regulatory approvals obtained or planned
7. Literature Cited: Author, Title, Journal, Volume, Pages, Year
8. Projected Timeline
 - **NOTE:** It is expected that all IRB approvals are to be completed prior to the end of the first year and that project completion occurs within two years
9. Copies of relevant questionnaires, survey forms or letters of collaboration
10. A conflict-of-interest statement for all applicants and their mentors

B. Budget

A detailed line-item budget must be included, along with a justification of the item. **The total amount requested must not exceed \$1,000.**

Examples of appropriate budgetary requests include equipment, reagents, animals and animal care, data management and statistical support.

Examples of items ineligible for financial support include clerical or secretarial support and travel expenses.

C. Academic Development

Please provide a statement of how this particular project will promote the career development for the trainee or for their plans to obtain future funding.

Please also provide the CV or Biosketch of the faculty mentor along with a detailed description of the mentoring plan for the trainee during the project.

D. The Annual Report

The annual progress report should include:

- A brief one-page summary of progress
- A budget report (including expenditures to date)
- A list or summary of abstracts or manuscripts that have been submitted, presented, or published

By accepting the award, the PI agrees to the terms of the award which includes complying with the budget, providing an **Annual Progress Report, and completion of the study within two years.**

You will also be expected to present the research project at the Society's Annual Research Day held in May.

Review Criteria and Review Process

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Significance: Their potential to contribute meaningfully to the body of knowledge in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Innovation: The extent to which the project employs novel concepts, approaches, or methods; challenges existing paradigms or develops new paradigms; or considers an existing problem from a new perspective.

Investigator(s): Investigator capacity to complete the proposed project and appropriate mentorship and/or collaboration plan.

Approach: The Hypotheses and Specific Aims should be clearly stated. The study methodology should be appropriate to assess the hypotheses and specific aims. The timeline should be reasonable.

Potential for future funding: Priority is given to pilot research studies designed to provide preliminary data to support subsequent proposals for extramural funding or that may lead to new avenues of research for the trainee.

Reviewers will assign a score for each of the above 5 criteria using the scale below.

Overall Impact or Criterion Strength	Score	Descriptor
High	9	Exceptional
	8	Outstanding
	7	Excellent
Medium	6	Very good
	5	Good
	4	Satisfactory
Low	3	Fair
	2	Marginal
	1	Poor

Review Process

Grant proposals will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Executive Board of the Cleveland Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The application with the highest score will receive this funding. In the case of a tie, a referee committee of three additional CLEsog appointed reviewers will be assigned to determine the awardee.

Annual requests for applications will be subject to availability of funds.

The deadline for submission of grants will be March 31, 2025. Submissions should be emailed to Pat Wolf at clesog@gmail.com

F. Administration of Award

Once the proposal has been approved, the applicant will be notified at the CLEsog Research Day in May.