

Coplon Grants Process

Each year Satellite Healthcare awards grants enabling young researchers to fulfill critical research in the area of kidney disease and its treatment.

Proposals for Norman S. Coplon Extramural Grants are reviewed and approved by the independent Satellite Healthcare Scientific Advisory Board. Priority will be given to applications from investigators in the early stages of their investigative careers (Associate Professor or below). A maximum of one grant will be awarded to a given institution during each funding cycle.

In choosing the awards, preference is given to clinical topics. Proposals should exhibit scientific merit and potential for clinical application. Both individual and collaborative (multi-institutional) protocols are encouraged. The award will be a maximum \$50,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years *inclusive of a maximum indirect cost of 15%*. The program will provide up to eight grants annually.

Fellows should not apply unless they can provide an assurance from their institutions that they will be given a faculty appointment at the end of their fellowship. Final approval is also contingent on documentation of approval by the investigator's institutional review board, including the patient informed consent form. If the completed grant application is approved, the investigator's institution will be asked to sign a formal contract with Satellite Healthcare. The grant payments will be made twice a year.

By November 30 of each calendar year, the Principal Investigator must send 1) a two-page abstract summarizing the progress of the funded research, and 2) an updated list of all current and pending support, including specific aims, key personnel, direct and indirect budget costs, and other pertinent information. Continued funding will be contingent upon the Scientific Advisory Board's satisfaction regarding the progress of the funded research and the lack of duplication between Satellite Research funding and funding from other sources. The final payment will be contingent upon the Principal Investigator complying with all the conditions of the award.

Satellite Healthcare support must be acknowledged in all publications that result from work supported by the grant. Reprints or electronic copies of all publications must be sent to Satellite Healthcare.

Satellite Healthcare reserves the right to approve or deny any grant application at its sole discretion. Satellite Healthcare may also modify or discontinue the Extramural Grants Program, in whole or in part, at any time.

Satellite Healthcare sponsors an Annual Symposium each year. The purpose of this Symposium is to provide a forum for researchers supported by the Extramural Grants program to share their findings with peers and members of the Scientific Advisory Board, receive constructive feedback, and participate in a free exchange of ideas. To this end, each grant recipient must commit to attend the Annual Symposium in its entirety and incorporate their new findings into a lecture that covers the progress in their field of interest. *Failure of the Principal Investigator or designee to attend the Annual Symposium may result in forfeiture of continued funding.*

Coplon Grants How to Apply

Please send Grant Applications to:

2010 Norman S. Coplon Extramural Grant Program
Satellite Healthcare
401 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Additional Application Guidelines:

Proposals for 2010 should be submitted by February 28, 2010. Five collated copies of the proposal (including, if necessary, five sets of any color illustrations and five sets of any literature/publications) must be submitted by mail. Applicants will be advised of the decision on their proposal by the end of June 2010.

Electronic submissions (followed by the requisite five copies) are permissible in order to meet the deadline for submission.

Applicants must include the following information:

12 point minimum size font should be used.

Proposal Introduction/Title Pages

- Title
- Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-Investigator(s) Name, Degree, Title, Affiliations Address, telephone numbers, fax, and email
- Curriculum Vitae for All Investigators – a National Institutes of Health (NIH) format is recommended (maximum four pages each). The Principal Investigator may be a physician, pharmacist, nurse, or other healthcare professional. A physician must be a co-investigator on all studies involving human subjects.
- Study Site(s)
- Institutional Grants Administrator Name, Degree, Title, Affiliations Address, telephone numbers, fax, email, Institutional Tax Identification, and signature

Executive Summary or Abstract of the Proposal

- The executive summary should be limited to 1 page maximum

Research Proposal

The research proposal should contain a maximum of 15 pages. The proposal should encompass the following information:

- Hypotheses & Specific Aims
- Background and Rationale (Applicants are encouraged to emphasize the clinical relevance of the proposal, its unique features, and the environment in which the research will be conducted.
- Preliminary Results
- Methods (for clinical studies, a "power analysis" is relevant).
- Potential outcomes/interpretations
- Timeline for completion of Specific Aims

In addition the applicant should supply:

- 1) Human Investigation Review Committee/Animal Protection Committee assurances/approvals
- 2) List of Key References (2 pages maximum)
- 3) Budget Request (2 pages maximum). The budget should include the following items:
 - Direct costs for personnel, equipment, and supplies
 - The cost of travel to the Annual Symposium for Coplon Fund. Investigators share their results
 - Maximum 15% overhead (indirect) costs

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Other Support (all other current and pending grants: Information to be provided) should include specific aims, key personnel, direct and indirect budget costs, and other pertinent information to allow the Scientific Advisory Board evaluate potential overlap in funding.

Resources and Environment

The resources and environment section of the proposal should be limited to 2 pages maximum. This section should include:

- Key publications by the research team that provide evidence of expertise in the area– maximum 10 references. Reprints are not required
- Data Collection Instruments – brevity is encouraged
- Signature of Principal Investigator