

July 2013

Dear NKFL Member:

The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana's (NKFL) Medical Advisory Board requests applications for awards to support research related to kidney disease. Epidemiologic, clinical, and basic science projects that are judged to be beneficial to patients with kidney disease in Louisiana are eligible. The funds are intended to promote investigations of clinical significance that might not yet be able to obtain funding from the NIH or other national sources.

ELIGIBILITY

Investigators eligible to apply include physicians, non-physician scientists, nurses, dieticians, and social workers who are members of the NKFL.

REQUIREMENTS

- Investigators must include a letter of support from their organization, medical director, medical groups, department or section chief endorsing the proposed project.
- Individual grants are limited to \$10,000 per year. Grants may not be used to fund salaries of investigators, but may support other personnel active in the project. Funds are not intended to support projects of nephrology or other trainees who already receive funding from other sources (i.e. NIH grants). Overhead is not permitted. Grants are available for renewal based on competitive submission for a total of three years.
- Investigators are required to submit a progress report and to present that report to the NKFL at the Annual Meeting. Funding for subsequent applications from the same institution will be dependent on fulfillment of reporting requirements.

REVIEW PROCESS

All proposals will be reviewed for scientific merit by reviewers external to the NKFL, and also by a panel from the NKFL's medical advisory board for relevance to the mission of the NKFL. Grant awards are merit based and review will be based on the scientific and medical quality of the proposal. Preference will be given to developing investigators and to projects considered most relevant to the understanding and treatment of renal diseases. The Medical Advisory Board determines the final award(s).

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please submit a non-binding letter of intent by **August 31, 2013** to the NKFL Research Grant Program, to torie@kidneyla.org.

Your letter of intent is not part of your actual application, but rather a device to assist you and the grants coordinator to identify your research objectives and goal. The letter of intent must include the following:

1. Name of the person and organization submitting the proposal
2. Address
3. Telephone number
4. Name of the principal investigator
5. Short title of the project
6. Approximate cost
7. Brief abstract, under 250 words, which includes:
 - a) description of the project goal
 - b) how it relates to the purpose of NKFL research

Upon receipt and acceptance of your letter of intent, the NKFL will send you a grant application packet.

Review schedule:

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| August 31, 2012 | Letter of intent due |
| October 31, 2013 | Proposals due |
| November -- December, 2013 | Review by NKFL/MAB Research Grants Committee |
| December 30, 2013 | Awards announced |
| January 3, 2014 | Approved projects begin operation and continue until December of that year. |

For more information, please contact the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana at 504-861-4500.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Medical Advisory Board
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