



Call for Applications

Conquering Gyrate Atrophy is a parent-led patient organization for gyrate atrophy, a progressive retinal disease caused by a mutation of the OAT gene. People with gyrate atrophy typically have very poor night vision and lesions on their retinas. These lesions progress over time leading to tunnel vision and can eventually cause blindness. There is currently no cure for gyrate atrophy. We started Conquering Gyrate Atrophy to weave together a community focused on finding a cure. We fund research, support collaboration, and share learning to accelerate research and treatment for gyrate atrophy.

Purpose:

The purpose of the grants program of Conquering Gyrate Atrophy is to advance research in treatments and a cure for gyrate atrophy. Grants are to be used to support research (equipment, chemicals, and other research materials). Grants are available up to US\$50,000.

Eligibility Requirements:

The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Applicants must be a public entity or nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations or Type III supporting organizations.
- Awards will be made to organizations not individuals.

Budget

There is no provision for overhead or indirect expenses for the term of this award. Grant funds **may not** be used for salaries or consultant fees, to construct or renovate facilities, for lobbying, for political activities, or as a substitute for funds currently being used to support similar activities. Written approval is required from CGA prior to any changes to the budget or addition of expenditures not included in the approved budget if it exceeds 10% of the total budget.

Reports

Narrative report: A written report on the progress against specific aims and deliverables will be submitted every six months and a final report must be submitted within 30 days after the end of the award period. The final report should include a summary of expenses relative to the disbursement of this grant.

Publications

Acceptance of an award from CGA requires that all publications resulting either in whole or in part from CGA's support must acknowledge support from "Conquering Gyrate Atrophy". A copy of each publication reprint must be shared with CGA.

Sharing

Subject to any third party rights, the Awardee shall share resources (e.g., probes, vectors, DNA sequence, cloned genes, antibodies, transgenic animals, etc.) and experimental data, developed with full or partial support of CGA, with an organization as designated by CGA in a timely fashion in order to advance the research goals of CGA.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Commitment

We recognize that individuals' perspectives are shaped by a host of factors, such as their race, ethnicity, gender, physical and mental ability, age, socioeconomic status, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, familial status, education, religion, legal status, military service, political affiliation, geography, and other personal and professional experiences.

Application and Selection Process

To apply, please send a letter of interest to info@gyrateatrophy.org stating the project objectives, brief description, timeline of the activities and a preliminary budget.

Letters of interest will be reviewed for their relevance to finding a treatment or cure for gyrate atrophy. Some applicants may be invited to submit a full proposal for the grant. Following review of the proposals, finalists will be required to participate in phone interviews.

Each proposal will be assessed according to the following selection criteria:

- 1) Purpose of the project and alignment with research on gyrate atrophy
- 2) Quality and feasibility of the proposed project
- 3) Focus, qualifications, and experience of applicant organization(s), researcher(s), and key personnel.
- 4) Appropriateness of the proposed budget and management structure for the project.

Questions? Please send questions to Karabi and Malay Acharya at info@gyrateatrophy.org.