



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. This community includes patients, families and loved ones affected by the disease. This community also includes researchers working on a wide range of topics relevant to gyrate atrophy. We fund research, support collaboration, and share learning to accelerate research and treatment for gyrate atrophy.

Purpose

The overall purpose of the grants program of Conquering Gyrate Atrophy is to advance research in treatment and/or finding a cure for gyrate atrophy. Grants may be used to

- 1) support research costs (labs, personnel etc.)
- 2) support collaboration among researchers working on gyrate atrophy
- 3) support patient and family participation in gyrate atrophy research

Grant Guidelines

Grants generally range from US\$500 to US\$100,000 for a grant period of one month to two years. 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.
- Grant funds may be used for project staff salaries, consultant fees, data collection and analysis, meetings, supplies, project-related travel, and other direct project expenses. Grant funds may not be used to construct or renovate facilities, for lobbying, for political activities, or as a substitute for funds currently being used to support similar activities.

Budget

There is no provision for overhead or indirect expenses for the term of this award. Written approval is required 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 activities and the deliverables of the project must be submitted within 30 days after the end of the award period.

Financial: A financial summary of expenses relative to the disbursement of this grant must be submitted within 90 days after the grant period.

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 needs to 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, be shared upon request by CGA with an organization as designated by CGA in a timely fashion in order to advance the research goals of CGA.

Transfer

If at any time during the award period, the PI accepts a new position at a different institution, this matter would need to be discussed in order for CGA to consider approval for transfer of funds to another institution.

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 research on gyrate atrophy. For awards under \$5000, the letter may be sufficient. For awards over \$5000, applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal for the grant. The 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.

Selection Panel

All full proposals will be reviewed by a minimum of three people, including two people from our scientific advisory board.
