RESEARCH GRANTS

The Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation currently offers two different research grants: a partnership research grant with the Macula Society and a general research grant.

The JMCDF/MSRG PARTNERSHIP GRANT is offered through a partnership between the Jack McGovern Coat’s Disease Foundation (JMCDF) and the Macula Society.

The JMCDF/MSRG Partnership Research Grant is coordinated through the The Macula Society Research Grant (MSRG) program and supports medical research specific to Coats’ Disease and other retinal diseases which may lead to a cure or improve treatments and understanding of the
pathophysiology for Coats’ Disease. The Foundation encourages research and, when applicable, collaboration among researchers working in the area of Coats’ Disease. This Partnership Research Grant supports clinical or basic research. Examples of research focus include, but are not limited to, screening for Coats’ Disease; treatment to prevent vision loss from macular exudation; pathophysiology of vascular pathology in Coats’; vision protection and rehabilitation; assessment of vision loss in children with Coats’; and vision restoration. The grant is $35,000 distributed at one time.

Applications will be considered by the JMCDF’s Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) and the MSRG Research Committee based on scientific merit and the alignment with the goals and priorities of the Partnership Research Grant. Proposals will also be accepted from Postdoctoral Fellows and Junior Researchers.

Researchers who are interested in applying for the JMCDF/MSRG Partnership Research Grant are invited to submit a full research proposal by March 31, 2023. Applicants will receive notification of their status by May 1, 2023.


Pilot projects with the potential to obtain additional external funding and projects coordinating the efforts of the general membership are preferred. Projects that already receive or are expected to receive $50,000 or more from other sources are not eligible for the JMCDF/MSRG Partnership Research Grant. Macula Society Members who received a research grant in the past three years are not eligible.
The **GENERAL RESEARCH GRANT** is offered by the Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation to support medical research specific to Coats’ Disease and other retinal diseases, which may lead to a cure or improve treatments and understanding of the pathophysiology for Coats’ Disease. The Foundation encourages research and, when applicable, collaboration among researchers working in the area of Coats’ Disease. We support clinical or basic research. Examples of research focus include, but are not limited to: screening for Coats’ Disease; treatment to prevent vision loss from macular exudation; pathophysiology of vascular pathology in Coats’; vision protection and rehabilitation; assessment of vision loss in children with Coats’; and vision restoration.

Applications will be considered by the Foundation’s Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) based on scientific merit and the alignment with the goals and priorities of the Foundation. Proposals will also be accepted from Postdoctoral Fellows and Junior Researchers.

**Research Grant Proposals** will be accepted twice a year; submission deadlines are April 1 or October 1. Proposals will be reviewed twice a year in May or November. Applicants will receive notification of their status within two months after the review. Notification will be emailed or mailed to the Principal Investigator.

**DETAILS ABOUT THE JACK MCGOVERN COATS’ DISEASE FOUNDATION GRANTS:**

- **Size of Grants:** Annual Grants will be up to $35,000.
- **Grants will be for one year. Renewal is possible for grants showing substantial progress to Coats’ related work and will be considered for up to two years.**
- **Measurability/Accountability:** Six-month progress reports are required to receive the second installment of the funding in the first year. Subsequent funding, if requested, will be determined
based on these progress reports.

- Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation must be acknowledged in abstracts, presentations, poster sessions, papers and publications resulting from Foundation-funded research.
- Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation adheres to the NIH salary cap for principal investigator(s) for the current year.
- Funds from the Foundation may not be used for overhead costs. No costs will be funded by the Foundation for University or School of Medicine or departmental costs.
- If utilizing a sub-contractor, you must include this in the budget. No overhead costs will be paid to the subcontractor.

PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE:

Title Page which must include:

- Title of the Research Project
- Name, address, phone number and email address of the Principal Investigator
- Applicants’ University/Hospital affiliation and brief description of the Organization
- Name, address, phone number and email address of the Grants Officer
- Name and address to be placed on the check, if awarded
- Federal Tax ID number of the institution, if awarded

Design of the Study which must include:

- No more than 3 pages excluding references, single-spaced, Arial font 11 pts. minimum, one-inch margins
- Purpose or question to be asked by the study
- Rationale/Background or relevance
- Methodology
- Design and data analysis procedures
- Proposed duration of the project with timeline
• For clinical studies, please also include a detailed description of the project including (if applicable):
  ○ Number of participants
  ○ Criteria for inclusion/exclusion of participants

In addition to the three-page limit, please submit:

• Itemized Budget with justification of all anticipated expenses. Include explanation of how costs were determined. Overhead costs will not be funded.
• How is this research going to impact research in Coats’ or how will it impact your future work on Coats’ Disease?
• Lay summary (250 words maximum)
• A literature review of related research with bibliography
• Other current or anticipated sources of funding
• CV of the Principal Investigator

**PAYMENT OF GRANTS**

Payments will be made in two equal installments – the first when the grant is approved and the second after receipt of the six-month, mid-term progress report has passed review.

**SUBMIT RESEARCH PROPOSALS TO:**

Deborah Marron, Ed.D.
via email to: deborahmarron@curecoats.org
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