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# Cardiac Sarcoidosis Grant

Request for Applications

research projects dedicated to cardiac sarcoidosis, which can be funded either singularly by FSR or through a partnership with additional funders. Each proposal should feature a \$100,000 project over a two-year period.

**Applicants must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to be considered for funding. You will be notified by late July if you are invited to submit a full grant proposal. Full applications will not be accepted unless notification of invitation has been received from FSR.**

[Submit your LOI Here!](#)

[Learn About Previously Funded Projects Link](#)

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## Cardiac Sarcoidosis Grant Eligibility Criteria:

- Proposals for the FSR Cardiac Grant must be for research that focuses on cardiac sarcoidosis. We invite clinician scientists from any related disciplines to apply (e.g., radiology, electrophysiology).
- Proposals for research studies focused on areas other than cardiac sarcoidosis are not eligible.
- Principal Investigators (PIs), Co-PIs, and Sub-Is, must submit bio-sketches in the NIH format (or equivalent international formats) as well as any letters of support from anyone collaborating on the proposal.
- The PI must be affiliated with a college, university, or a non-profit research facility that is willing to serve as the administering organization if the grant is awarded.
- Proposals are accepted from the U.S. and internationally, however all proposals must be submitted in English and budgets must be proposed in U.S. Dollars.

*The Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research does not award grants directly to individuals.*

## Restrictions

- The budget for the FSR Pilot Grant is limited to \$100,000 and may include up to 10% indirect costs.
- Compensation for personnel—including principal investigators, co-investigators, and key study staff—may not exceed the NIH salary limitation in effect at the time of award.
- Budgets that include research lab equipment that utilizes over 50% of the proposed budget must include justification and a description of how that equipment will be used in the post-grant period.
- All awardees must submit bi-annual progress and financial reports to FSR. Bi-annual reports are due at the end of each 6-month period while the grant period is active.
- Projects proposed may not be longer than two years in duration.
- Successful applicants may not hold any other research funding from FSR at the time funding of this grant begins. This includes funding from the FSR Established Investigator, Early Career Fellowship Grant, Pilot Grant, and Cardiac Grant. However, FSR Clinical Data Registry investigators may apply.
- PIs and Co-PIs may not submit more than one application for this program in a given cycle.

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## FSR Research Agenda

FSR has undertaken a comprehensive process to develop a new research agenda that will guide its funding priorities and strategic direction. FSR employed a rigorous four-stage process to develop its research priorities, including conducting a literature review; hosting a brainstorming workshop with key stakeholders including physicians, patients, and caregivers; conducting direct stakeholder interviews; and facilitating a quantitative prioritization survey of the FSR community. Read more about the FSR Research Agenda [here](#).

Through this process, FSR established five primary research priorities and six research values that should guide all funded research.

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Standardization of Patient-Centered Outcomes:	+
Biomarkers for Disease Prognosis/Progression	+
Diagnostic Innovation	+
Quality of Patient Care	+
Treatment Monitoring	+

## Research Values

Where appropriate and/or possible, all FSR-funded research should demonstrate the following characteristics:

High-Quality Data	+
Health Equity Focus	+
Real-World Evidence	+
Patient Voice Integration	+
Investigator Development	+
Research Leverage	+

## Letter of Intent Instructions:

Please enter information as requested in all sections on the ProposalCentral LOI application form.

Proposals should be no longer than two pages in length, single-spaced, utilizing 12-point font and 1-inch margins, and attached in PDF format in Section 7 (Attachments). Proposals should include the following information:

1. Project Title and Summary
2. Brief description of project and research focus
3. Primary objectives of the project
4. Methodology
5. Alignment with the FSR Research Agenda priorities and values.

b. Please review this document here before applying. Appendix C (page 28-on) can help you prepare this section.

c. You must mention the exact FSR Research Agenda Priority that best aligns with your project.

d. Provide justification for the alignment of your proposal.

Letter of Intent must be submitted through ProposalCentral by **11:59pm EST on June 4, 2026**. Questions should be submitted to [research@stop sarcoidosis.org](mailto:research@stop sarcoidosis.org)

## LOI applications will be evaluated in the following areas:

- **Significance:** the importance and potential impact of the proposed research on the field of sarcoidosis
- **Approach:** the rigor and feasibility of the methods proposed to achieve the project's goals
- **Alignment with FSR's Research Agenda Priorities and Values:** strength of alignment with investigator-identified primary priority.

FSR'S RESEARCH AGENDA PRIORITIES.

## 2026 Timeline for Applicants

April 24, 2026: LOI applications open

June 4, 2026: Deadline for LOIs

June 2026 – July 2026: LOI review period

Late July: Invitations to submit full applications sent

September 14, 2026: Deadline for full proposals

September 2026 – October 2026: Final review period

Late November: Awardee notification

## Reports and Payments

- Bi-annual Reports: The grantee will send a bi-annual report of activities and financial reports.
- Grant fund payments will be contingent on and align with the bi-annual report schedule.
- Annual Report and Evaluation: All grantees may be asked to participate in a patient-friendly colloquium reporting on the experience, research outcomes, and grant preparation and application process.

Any resulting publications or presentations must acknowledge the support of FSR. FSR should be sent a copy of all resulting publications in PDF format.

If you have any questions, please contact [research@stopsarcoidosis.org](mailto:research@stopsarcoidosis.org).

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Watch FSR's Cardiac and Pilot Grant Writing Webinar