

Announcement of Request for Proposals

Parents of Galactosemic Children, INC. (PGC) is happy to announce the second round of funding of its Research Grants Program and invites researchers to submit proposals in response to the 2009 Request for Research Proposals. PGC encourages proposals for work that will increase our understanding of galactosemia and/or help families living with galactosemia.

PGC inaugurated the Research Grants Program in 2007 and [awarded](#) one grant, to Dr. Fridovich-Keil of Emory University. The window for submitting proposals for this second round of funding opens on **February 18, 2009** and continues until **March 30, 2009**.

The following sections present an overview of the program in the form of frequently asked questions, contact information, and the schedule for proposal submission, review, and awards. Please refer to the [PGC Policies and Procedures document](#) for specific details of the proposal process.

Thank you for your interest in galactosemia and families living with galactosemia.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1: What is an Eligible Project?

Parents of Galactosemic Children, Inc (PGC) intends to fund a broad range of research, both scientific and medical, involving the metabolic condition Galactosemia, with the ultimate goal of improving the lives of people with galactosemia. Research funded by this grant program may include, but will not be limited to, questions involving genetics, nutrition, diet, speech, physical and occupational therapy, and premature ovarian failure.

Four kinds of project designs will be considered eligible for the grants program: a research study, a clinical project, an educational project, or a collaborative meeting.

1. **Research Project:**
A research project is one that asks a research question that is answered through rigorous systematic methods. These projects may include but will not be limited to investigations of measurable outcomes in galactosemia care, epidemiology of galactosemia, and analyses of aspects of galactosemia care.
2. **Clinical Project:**
A clinical project seeks to improve galactosemia care through the development of tools that may augment the delivery of that care. Examples of this may include but will not be limited to the development of clinical pathways and creation of measurement tools (e.g., to assess quality of life).
3. **Educational Project:**
An educational project is one that designs or implements relevant educational programs, develops educational materials, or develops innovative educational tools for patients and the community.
4. **Collaborative Meetings:**
PGC recognizes the need for collaboration among professionals and therefore also encourages studies that demonstrate this important quality. The grants program will accept applications to fund collaborative meetings among professionals that may lead to future research projects.

Question 2: What Level of Funding can be anticipated?

Applicants should consult with the PGC Research Committee to determine the precise amount of funding available. Applicants may request any amount less than or equal to \$30,000, depending upon

the scope of the research, clinical, educational, or collaborative project. Research projects must be completed within the time frame selected for the research as stated on the application.

Question3: Where do I find Application Forms?

Applications will not be sent to institutions for general distribution. Applications can be downloaded [HERE](#) or requested in writing from the PGC Research Committee at research@galactosemia.org.

Question 4: What is the Schedule for submitting proposals?

Kickoff of PGC Request for Proposals: February 18, 2009

Deadline for Proposal Submission: March 30, 2009

Decision by PGC for Research Funding: May 29, 2009 (Awardee(s) to be contacted by June 12, 2009)

Click [HERE](#) to access the PGC Research Committee page and the documents describing PGC's Research Program