Grant Application FAQs:

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Eligibility:

Q Is the grant limited to researchers based in the United States?

A Yes, all researchers must be affiliated with a US institution.

Q Would I still be eligible to apply for the grant without a faculty position?

A Yes.

Q Will associate level professors looking for funding qualify?

A ANRF welcomes anyone to apply, but gives preference to post-docs or new assistant professors.

Q Should I be concerned that I have previously received NIH grant funding?

A Not necessarily, ANRF policies state that applicants may not ever have had an NIH R01 grant or equivalent. However, if previous NIH funding is not an R01 grant or equivalent, and total funding is not currently above $300,000 per year, the applicant would be eligible.

Q If the ANRF grant will push my funding above $300,000 per year, would I be ineligible for funding?

A No, ANRF funding would not count towards the $300,000 per year cap on grant funding.

Key Personnel:

Q Are applicants required to list their mentors as key personnel?

A Only if they are receiving salary support. Please keep in mind, ANRF does not fund senior personnel. Please see the ANRF Grant Policies Document for more information on allowable budget items.

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Budget:

Q Should I write the budget for 1 year or 2 years?

    A 2 years. The application in Proposal Central separates the budget into two periods, with each period spanning one year of the project.

Q Are the salaries, supplies, equipment, and travel directly related to the proposed work the only allowable costs available to request?

    A Generally, yes. However, please reach out to grants@curearthritis.org with specific questions.

Q Are publication costs used to disseminate results an allowable expense?

    A Yes.

Q Are microcopy analysis costs related to the project an allowable expense?

    A Yes.

Q **Would this grant cover the PI salary?**

    A **ANRF grants do not cover the cost of senior level researchers. If the PI meets the criteria dictated in the grant application, they would be considered for salary funding.**

Q Are computing, data and data storage costs are allowable costs?

    A Yes.

Q Are stipends for a <u>specific</u> graduate student (<u>NOT</u> a to be named student) an allowable expense?

    A Yes, stipends for a specific graduate student are an allowable expense.

Q Is tuition for a PhD student allowed to be funded through the grant?

    A No, tuition may not be funded through the grant at this time.

Q **The documents say that a postdoc or graduate student "to be determined" is not allowable. Is a technician TBD allowable?**

    A **Yes, a technician to be named is an allowable cost.**

Q Can I include the salary for Biostatistician? Does this person need to be "named' or can they be "to be named"?

    A Yes, a biostatistician to be named is an allowable cost.

Q What is a person-month and how do I calculate it?

    A A person month is a metric for expressing the amount of time personnel devote to a project. Information for calculating person months can be found here: https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2017/03/31/what-is-a-person-month-how-do-i-calculate-it/

Travel:

Q Can funding be used to travel to conferences?

    A Justified travel to scientific meetings directly related to the proposed studies is allowable.

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Support:

Q   Would pending support be limited to anything I have been awarded and are expecting to receive, or would it include applications that are currently in review?

A   Pending support would include applications currently in review and anything awarded and expecting to receive.

Q   Do I need to submit the documentation of support for other persons who support me in this grant?

A   ANRF does not need to know about support from mentors; only how much money in grant funding the applicant has currently and is pending.

Q   Would both applicant and mentor be required to produce current and pending support?

A   The applicant is required to produce current and pending support. A mentor would only be required to produce support if they are the PI.

IRB/IACUC Approvals:

Q   Would it be acceptable if the IRB application was submitted as "to be submitted" instead of "pending"?

A   Yes, as long as approval for IRB is submitted by the time the grant agreement is signed it would be acceptable for the IRB to be listed as 'to be submitted'.

Bio Sketch:

Q   I faced a personal hardship that prevented me from getting all of the relevant information needed to build a thorough proposal, but feel as though I have a well thought out research project. Where can I provide this information to justify my application?

A   We are very understanding that not everyone had a direct path to their research career and some people may need additional time or resources to build their proposal. Please include any relevant information about your journey in the "Personal Statement" section of your bio sketch.

Q   Is a bio sketch required for an applicant's mentor?

A   No, not unless they are a PI or collaborator.

Q   I am a permanent US resident with a green card, where should I clarify this?

A   Please add this information to your bio sketch.

Q   If I am including a biostatistician "to be named", do I need to include the bio sketch for this person?

A   A bio sketch would not be required for this person.

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