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GMaP Region 6 Expert Grant Review Program Fact Sheet

The Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP) in Region 6 (Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming) is focused on advancing Cancer and Cancer Health Disparities (CHD) research and training in our region by supporting the next generation of cancer researchers.

The Expert Grant Review Program is intended to assist New Investigators¹ and Early Stage Investigators (ESI)² who are applying for funding awards with feedback from senior researchers in their field. Grants are welcome in the following categories:

- Basic Science Research
- Clinical/Translational Research
- Socio-behavioral/Population Science Research

Region 6 is comprised of a variety of cancer and cancer health disparities researchers who are experienced with the grant writing process and successful grant funding outcomes. Feedback from such experts may be useful to New or ESIs prior to submitting a competitive grant application.

This award supports pre-submission peer review of grant proposals by outside experts. Applicants should also consult with the program directors for the anticipated funding agency prior to submission (e.g. National Cancer Institute [NCI] Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities [CRCHD] program director) for feedback and guidance.

Thank you for your interest in the GMaP Region 6 Expert Grant Review Program. Please take a moment to review the eligibility requirements, review process, and application packet.

Eligibility Requirements

- Investigator reside at an institution within GMaP Region 6 (ID, MT, NV, ND, SD, UT and WY).
- Investigator must be early stage New¹ or ESI²
- Investigator must intend to apply for funding via one of the CURE mechanisms within the next two years (see <https://www.cancer.gov/about-nci/organization/crchd/diversity-training/cure>)
- Applicant must be applying as PI for funding from one of the following funding agencies: NIH/NCI (e.g. K01/K02/K07/K08/K23/K24/K25/K99 or R01/R03/R15/R21/R34), ACS, DOD, or PCORI grant mechanisms.
- Application must address a relevant Cancer or Cancer Health Disparities (CHD) problem. However, priority will be given to research across/in any scientific discipline that focuses on CHD research within Region 6.
- Applicant cannot be a PI on existing select federal grants such as R01 and U54 grant mechanisms.
- Applicants must be sure they meet eligibility requirements for the grant mechanism they are applying to for funding.
- Institutional or collaborative grants are not allowed.

¹ Investigators are considered a new investigator if he/she has not previously competed successfully for a substantial NIH independent research award.

² Investigators are considered early stage investigators if he/she is within 10 years of completing his/her terminal research degree or is within 10 years of completing medical residence (or equivalent).



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Review Process

- Applicant must submit Application Form to the Region 6 coordinator 12 weeks prior to grant submission deadline.
- If accepted, Applicant must submit an abstract, specific aims page, biosketch and any sections of the grant they wish reviewed to the GMaP Region 6 coordinator 10 weeks prior to grant deadline to request grant review.
- Applicant should identify a qualified reviewer of their choice. Applicants may also request their grant not be reviewed by certain investigators. If needed, submitted documents will be circulated to the GMaP internal coordinating committee to identify individuals who have expertise in the specific research area to identify potential reviewers.

Two Options for Review:

Once a reviewer is selected to review your grant:

1. Complete Grant Review

- A **completed** grant application (except budget) must be ready to be sent to the selected reviewer 8 weeks before grant deadline.
- Applicants must send by email the **completed** grant application **as a single PDF** directly to the reviewer.
- The reviewer will have 4 weeks (28 days) to provide written feedback using NIH, ACS, DOD, or PCORI review criteria. Reviewer comments will be sent to the applicant and to the GMaP Region 6 Coordinator.
- Honorarium will be sent **directly to the reviewer** once the review comments have been received by the GMaP Region 6 Coordinator.

2. Partial Review

- Applicant may select portions of their grant (e.g. specific aims and methods) for review. Those components must be ready to be sent to the selected reviewer 8 weeks before grant deadline.
- Applicants must send by email the **selected components of their grant** application **as a single PDF** directly to the reviewer. It is imperative that the submitter provide enough detail to provide sufficient context for the reviewer.
- The reviewer will have 2-4 weeks (based on complexity of what is to be reviewed) to provide written feedback using NIH, ACS, DOD, or PCORI review criteria. Reviewer comments will be sent to the applicant and to the GMaP Region 6 Coordinator.
- Honorarium will be sent **directly to the reviewer** once the review comments have been received by the GMaP Region 6 Coordinator.
- The applicant will receive the reviewer comments in alignment with specified grant mechanism criteria 4 weeks before the grant deadline. A conference call between the applicant and reviewer is encouraged to discuss feedback and provide any clarification necessary.
- Upon completion, the applicant and reviewer will both be asked to complete a short evaluation of the grant review program.
- All expert grant reviewers will have served (current/past) on grant mechanism study section.
- Applicants should expect the entire review process to take up to 12 weeks (depending on full or partial review).

Questions and Submission

Please email any questions and/or the completed Expert Grant Review Program application to the GMaP Region 6 Regional Coordinating Director Emily Kay at emily.kay@hci.utah.edu.



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APPLICATION

Applicant Information

1. Full Name:
2. Title:
3. Home Institution:
4. Mailing Address:
5. Email:
6. Phone Number:
7. Education/Degrees:

8. Check all the NIH/NCI Awards you have received:

<input type="checkbox"/> Diversity Supplement	<input type="checkbox"/> K01	<input type="checkbox"/> K08
<input type="checkbox"/> K23	<input type="checkbox"/> K22	<input type="checkbox"/> R21
<input type="checkbox"/> R21/U01	<input type="checkbox"/> SC1/SC2	<input type="checkbox"/> F31
<input type="checkbox"/> T32	<input type="checkbox"/> P20	<input type="checkbox"/> Pilot/Full Project n U54
<input type="checkbox"/> CNPS Trainee	<input type="checkbox"/> None	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain):		



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9. Please briefly describe your intention and timeline to apply for a CURE award. If that is not your intention, please describe the mechanisms you are aiming for:

10. Research Focus

<input type="checkbox"/> Socio-Behavioral/ Population Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical/Translational Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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11. Mentor Associated with your application request

- a. Mentor Name:
- b. Mentor Title:
- c. Mentor Institution:
- d. Mentor Phone Number:
- e. Mentor Email:

12. Does your current institution have an internal grant review?

YES NO

13. If YES, have you submitted this grant application to your internal pre-submission grant review?

YES NO

14. How did you hear about this grant review opportunity?

- E-ALERT
- MENTOR
- WEBSITE
- OTHER (please describe):



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Grant Proposal Information

1. Working Title:
2. Funding Agency
3. Grant Mechanism:
4. RFA Number and Title:
5. Grant Submission Deadline:
6. What parts of your grant do you wish reviewed?
 - All
 - Some (please list):

Proposed Reviewer(s) Information

1. Name
2. Title
3. Home Institution
4. E-mail
5. Phone Number

I need assistance identifying a reviewer



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Application Submission Checklist

Send completed application and materials as a single PDF to GMaP Regional Coordinating Director, Emily Kay (emily.kay@hci.utah.edu) with subject line: GMaP Expert Grant Review Application.

Completed applications should include:

- Expert Grant Review Application
- Grant Abstract
- Grant Specific Aims Page
- All sections of the grant that applicant wishes to be reviewed
- Applicant biosketch