RFP to Fund Celiac Disease Research - Pilot and Feasibility Award

Beyond Celiac Pilot and Feasibility Award

Beyond Celiac is seeking applications for its 2019-2021 pilot and feasibility award. This award is to support projects that will develop and test new hypotheses and/or new methods in research areas relevant to celiac disease. It is intended to allow investigators to collect sufficient preliminary data to determine the best strategies and methods for approaching a major question, ultimately requiring assessment through larger scale research or a clinical trial. Approaches leading to the identification of potential therapeutics are encouraged. Up to $60,000 per year (plus 8% indirect costs) for a maximum of two years may be requested for established clinical, translational or basic science investigators with new and novel approaches to understanding celiac disease.

Applicant Criteria

Applicants must be existing independent investigators (M.D., M.D./Ph.D, or established Ph.D.’s) not trainees. This grant is not for support of post-doctoral work. The award is intended to support new and novel ideas, and is not for funding of ongoing projects. All meritorious topics will be considered.

Required Submission Materials

Applicants must submit a complete application in a single file (PDF).

- Adherence to standard NIH guidelines for proposal preparation, including biosketch format, is recommended.
- Proposals should not exceed five (5) pages (excluding references).
- A budget must be provided. Funding requests may include:
  - Personnel (e.g., research assistant and/or faculty salary support; this should include a percentage of effort for the proposed study with appropriate justification)
  - Supplies and reagents
- Letters of support from Department Chairs and institutional animal/human research regulatory boards will be required prior to funding.

Duration of funding and Requirements of Awardees

Up to two years. Unexpended funds must be returned to Beyond Celiac at the end of the research period. Awardees will submit formal written reports annually. Portions of the final payment will be
withheld until receipt of the final progress report. Grant recipients will be required to present data at Beyond Celiac Symposium or equivalent meeting as determined by Beyond Celiac. All publications arising from this award must include the following statement “This research was supported by the Beyond Celiac Pilot and Feasibility Award.”

**Selection Criteria**

The primary criteria for the Award include the scientific merit of the proposal and the investigator's qualifications. Additional criteria include the environment of the host institution and the availability of resources judged essential for the success of the proposed research.

**Submission Deadline and Award Decision Announcement**

The application deadline is 5:00 PM EST on Friday May 3, 2019. The application and all supporting material must be submitted electronically in the requested format to grantsubmissions@BeyondCeliac.org. Please include the name of the grant in the subject line of your email. Questions about the grant application process may be submitted to the Beyond Celiac Chief Scientific Officer, at mrobert@beyondceliac.org.

Grant recipients will be announced no later than **June 14, 2019** Awardees will be notified via email. At least one grant will be funded. Funding is contingent upon available resources. Grant recipients need to be available on a limited basis at an agreeable time for interviews or media inquiries.