



# GRANT GUIDELINES 2026

Gabrielle's Angel Foundation provides significant financial support to promising physician scientists who are applying novel and state-of-the-art techniques to address fundamental problems in the genesis and treatment of **blood related** cancers. Gabrielle's Angel Foundation remains committed to funding innovative, translational proposals and to supporting promising **independent early-career investigators**, rather than well-established, senior scientists. Conventional Projects will be funded for a three-year period at \$75,000.00 per year (contingent on the submission of acceptable annual progress reports.) **As of 2019, they will also accept applications from both Assistant Professors and Associate Professors for \*integrative applications only\***

**PLEASE NOTE:** The finalized Request for Applications (RFA) for 2026/2027 has not yet been released. The information below reflects expectations based on Gabrielle's Angel Foundation's historical guidelines, as well as information that was explicitly stated in the last RFA as changing for the 2026/2027 cycle and is subject to change once the official RFA is launched.

## GABRIELLE'S ANGEL FOUNDATION:

- Issues grants annually and solicits applications by invitation-only
- Focused on blood cancer in the form of cancer prevention, detection and treatments that are most likely to be **translated into clinical trials within a 3-5 year period**
- Accepts only one application per category/per institution:
  - **One Mainstream/Conventional** research project – Assistant Professor rank
  - **One Integrative Medicine** research project
    - 'complementary' research refers to conventional medical research or research which employs the use of complementary therapies, botanical agents, or supportive care.
    - *See more detailed Integrative information below*

## APPLICANTS MUST:

- Have an MD or PhD
- Hold a junior faculty position at a 501(c)(3) teaching research institution
- Hold the designation of Assistant Professor (Associate Professors **and** Assistant Professors may apply for **\*integrative\* projects only**)
- Have institutional support in form of tenure track **OR** be an independent junior faculty member
- Have held their current position for no longer than five years (for conventional projects only)
- Clearly state that they have both independent research projects and independent resources
- Have preliminary results and/or publications from their independent laboratory

## SUBMISSION TIMING:

- Electronic submission of the completed application must be received to [grants@gabriellesangels.org](mailto:grants@gabriellesangels.org) **by Friday, August 14, 2026.**
- One hard copy of the completed application must be sent to the Foundation office **postmarked by Friday, August 14, 2026.**
- All applicants will be notified of Board determinations during the first half of 2027.

## INTEGRATIVE INFORMATION:

- The Foundation seeks to support Integrative research projects that explore evidence-based complementary interventions, optimize the manner in which mainstream care is delivered and improve the lives of those living with cancer, specifically the hematologic malignancies.
  - Such Integrative (complementary) therapies may include:
    - Acupuncture
    - Integrative Mind-body interventions
    - Manipulative and body-based therapies
    - Meditation
    - Music therapy
    - Nutrition
    - Physical fitness
    - Use of biologically-based agents (but not in “conventional” ways)
    - Yoga
- The Foundation seeks to support clinical trials and/or pre-clinical research which address reducing patients’ physical and emotional distress during or after cancer therapy.
  - Examples include:
    - Neurophysiologic, neuroendocrine, and biochemical pathways triggered by massage therapy, including animal studies or instrument-based approaches such as imaging techniques
    - Mechanistic studies of herbs, nutritional supplements, or natural products to enhance cognitive function or treat depression or anxiety
    - Herb-drug interactions
    - Basic biological mechanisms and processes that underlie acupuncture, meditation or yoga including studies in man or animal models or those employing imaging
- Research must be compelling with firmly grounded scientific rationale and high-quality relevant methodology.
- Proposals must reflect a solid grasp of the field and employ pragmatic research methodology and design.
- Proposals will be evaluated for creativity, originality and scientific rigor.
- Proposals based on promising preliminary data will be favored.
- Applicant’s prior experience and competencies will be assessed – for integrative applications only, **Associate Professors as well as Assistant Professors are invited to apply.**



# FAQ – Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation Grant Process

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Q: Does Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation accept unsolicited grant applications?

A: No. Our annual grant application process is by invitation-only.

Q: Must my proposed research project focus on the hematologic malignancies?

A: Yes, Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation funds research solely focusing on blood cancers.

Q: On the application, what does “limit five pages” include?

A: The five-page limit is a guideline set by our Medical Advisory Board and applies mainly to letters B through E. The five pages refers mostly to the length of the research description. The contact page is not included in this page count.

Q: Our institution does not offer tenure track positions. Does this mean I am ineligible to apply for a grant?

A: Our Medical Advisory Board feels strongly that the junior investigators applying for grants with us have institutional support in form of tenure track status. We understand, however, that this means different things to different institutions since some clinical researchers may never be in the tenure-track. Therefore, 'tenure track' is not as essential as that the applicant must be an independent, junior faculty member.

Q: I have been in my current position for more than 5 years. Does this mean I am ineligible to apply for a grant?

Q: I have been in my current position for under 5 years but it will be more than that by the time the grants are announced. Am I still eligible?

A: If you are more than 5 years at your institution this does not absolutely exclude you from applying. The five-year limitation was meant as a criteria guideline, not as a make-or-break qualification.

Q: What constitutes a “junior” investigator?

A: It is generally someone who is an Assistant Professor. Associate Professors may only apply for integrative grants.

Q: I am not yet an Assistant Professor but will be one next year. Am I still eligible?

A: Yes, you are eligible. All applicants will be judged based at least in part on their independent work.

Q: I have a degree other than MD or PhD (i.e. ND). Am I still eligible?

A: If a candidate’s degree is equivalent to an MD or PhD, this is fine however the candidate does need to be a faculty member.

Q: Does the amount of \$75,000 include the indirect cost or is that to be calculated extra over the \$75,000?

A: The \$75,000 includes the indirect cost (10% maximum).

Q: Is it permissible to include for further clarification of my grant description any previous relevant materials with my application – such as journal articles, papers, copies of treatment manuals and appendices?

A: Yes, but these must be kept to a minimum.

Q: May I include my salary and that of supporting technicians in the percentages?

A: There should be additional sources of support for the salary of the PI and small percentages may be allotted for additional researchers on the project. The Foundation’s Medical Advisory Board ultimately wants to see the majority of the percentage awarded going directly to the research.

Q: Does it matter if I already have funding from the government (i.e. R01, etc.)? Must I include the dollar amount of these other sources of funding with my NIH Biosketch?

A: We think it’s a good thing when applicants have other funding. Please include in your application all other sources of support, including dollar amounts, both active and pending and detailed descriptions of any potential overlap with the project you are submitting with us.

Q: Do I need to include the NIH Biosketch of every researcher on the project or just the PI’s?

A: Please include the NIH Biosketch of every researcher on the project.

Q: Must applicants have their own lab or be conducting lab-based research?

A: Nearly all (but not all) of the funded proposals come from people who are doing lab-based research, but it is the quality of the work and its relationship to the goals of the Foundation that count.

Q: Is the junior faculty member allowed to have a Co-PI on the grant?

A: They can, but it must be well justified. Also, it is unusual and will be looked at carefully.

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