



HELLENIC ACADEMY of NEUROIMMUNOLOGY CALL FOR PROPOSALS – GRANT APPLICATION

Introduction:

Proposals are expected to address cutting-edge problems in the field of neuroimmunology. Research proposals that are based on collaborations between clinical and basic research teams or that address translational issues with respect to diseases with a strong neuroimmunological origin will be preferred. Recipients should acknowledge the Hellenic Academy of Neuroimmunology as their funding sponsor in any publication or presentation that results from these awards. The recipient is obliged to submit a final report describing the data obtained as a result of this funding.

Submission deadline: All proposals must be electronically submitted to the Academy's e-mail (info@helani.gr) by 23.59 (local Greek time) by the 10th of October 2015.

Announcement: Results of the selected proposals will be announced during the 3rd Annual Conference of the Hellenic Academy of Neuroimmunology (19-22/11/2015).

Proposal structure:

The proposals should have the following format (both fellowships and research proposals) and should be written in the English language.

- **Abstract** (up to 250 words)

- **Rationale**
Describe in less than 500 words the novelty of your project, its relevance with neuroimmunology and the potential impact of your project to advance research on neuroimmunological approaches towards the development of therapies in MS.

- **Research plan**
Structure of the research plan
 - A. Specific Aims
List the broad, long-term objectives and the goal of the specific research proposed and the rationale.
 - B. Background and Significance
Briefly sketch the background leading to the present application, critically evaluate existing knowledge, and specifically identify the gaps that the project is intended to fill.
 - C. Preliminary studies
Provide the preliminary studies pertinent to this application.
 - D. Research Design & Methods
Describe the research design, procedures, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Indicate how the data will be collected, analyzed, and interpreted. Describe any new methodology, novel concepts, approaches, tools, or technologies and their advantages over existing ones. Describe the expected results for each aim and discuss the potential difficulties and limitations of the proposed procedures and alternative approaches to achieve the aims. State concisely the importance and health relevance of the research described in this application by relating the specific aims to the broad, long-term objectives. If the aims of the application are achieved, state how scientific knowledge or clinical

practice will be advanced in the field of neuroimmunology. In case of a human/clinical study, describe the ethical aspects of the project.

E. Timeline

Provide the planned milestones by year (and by team in case of collaborative projects) for the entire project.

F. Literature Cited

List all references. It is important to be concise and to select only the references pertinent to the proposed research. Follow the following format: Authors' names, Title, Journal, Year, Volume, Pages. If a publication contains more than 10 authors, just list the first 3 authors.

* The following are not included in the page limit.

- **Publications**

List the 3 main articles published by the principal investigator related to this proposal.

- **List of personnel**

Personnel involved in the project. List all personnel, including names, degrees, birthdate, institution, % effort and detailed roles on the project.

Recommended format: John Doe, M.D., 23.04.1967, Principal Investigator, UCLA (Effort: 30%), will be responsible for the construction of PLP-GFP mutants and...

- **C.V.**

Provide a 3pg max c.v. of the principal investigator and the personnel to be paid by the project.

- **Page limitations**

For fellowships up to 5 pages, for research proposals up to 10 pages.

- **Font**

For the research plan, use Arial font size 11 point. Greek letters are allowed. Same font size applies. Figures and other format describing preliminary data are optional and are included in the page limit.

- **Page format**

Use A4 page format with margins of 1,5 x 1,5 x 1,5 x 1,5 cm and single-spaced paragraphs. Include the name of the principal investigator in the heading. Adherence to font and margin requirements is necessary. No applicant should have an advantage over other applicants by providing more content in his/her application by using smaller, denser type.

In addition, for FELLOWSHIP proposals:

1. References: Name three references that are or have been associated with the applicant and that know him/her well. Choose referents primarily outside the applicant's current institution.
2. Include a letter of recommendation from the supervisor. This letter should describe the ability of the supervisor as a mentor, the funds available to the applicant from the supervisor for the project's supplies, equipment and travel (if applicable). It should also provide an assessment of the applicant, describe the relationship of the proposed project to ongoing research in the supervisor's lab and describe the supervisor's plan to develop the applicant's research capabilities.