Interested in Coordinated Funding for Multinational Cardiovascular Clinical Trials?

Are you a cardiovascular researcher who conducts clinical trials in different countries? Are you interested in coordinated funding support? If so, learn more about a new global research funding collaboration that the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) has joined.

The Global Cardiovascular Research Funders Forum (GCRFF) is a coalition of major international cardiovascular research funders whose aim is to improve cardiovascular health worldwide by catalyzing, supporting, and promoting transformational international research efforts in heart, stroke, and circulatory diseases. The GCRFF works to identify research gaps, coordinate multinational clinical trials, share data, and oversee an international research funding portfolio.

Multinational Cardiovascular Clinical Trials

One of the first efforts of the GCRFF is the Multinational Clinical Trials Initiative. Through this initiative, the GCRFF will facilitate the coordination of international cardiovascular clinical trials. It will help researchers in different countries collaborate on plans and coordinate funding applications for global clinical trials that might not be feasible in a single country or with support from a single funder.

Note: The GCRFF Multinational Clinical Trials Initiative provides a mechanism to support better coordination of multinational trial funding decisions. It does not fund trials directly, nor does it guarantee funding by individual funders.

GCRFF Members

- The American Heart Association
- The British Heart Foundation*
- The Danish Heart Foundation
- The Dutch Heart Foundation*
- The German Centre for Cardiovascular Research*
- The Leducq Foundation
- The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada
- The Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Canada*
- The National Heart Foundation of Australia*
- The National Heart Foundation of New Zealand*
- The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute*
- The Swedish Heart Lung Foundation

* Multinational Clinical Trials Initiative members
How Does It Work?

Researchers submit an initial EOI for a multinational cardiovascular trial for funding consideration via a dedicated portal. The GCRFF assesses initial proposals and endorses high-value projects. Individual funders can then decide whether to support the component of the trial that would take place in their jurisdiction. Researchers then submit a full application to relevant funders already knowing which other countries have endorsed the trial. Find out how to apply.

For More Information

About the GCRFF:
https://go.usa.gov/xMPVA

About the Multinational Clinical Trials Initiative:
https://go.usa.gov/xMeqw

Submission Portal:
https://researchgrants.bhf.org.uk/

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Key Deadlines
The review cycle is three times a year. Submit your EOI proposal prior to these deadlines below:
• Jan. 28, 2022
• May 27, 2022
• Sept. 30, 2022

Benefits for U.S. Researchers

• Opportunity to serve as lead investigator rather than as a collaborator in other countries
• Centralized submission process for Expressions of Interest (EOI)
• Coordinated funding and review cycles allowing trials to begin at or near the same time in different countries