

The Institute for Advanced Clinical Trials for Children

Educational Grant Program

I-ACT for Children, an independent non-profit organization, believes that children of all ages deserve innovative medical therapies that are developed with the same level of urgency and commitment afforded adults. I-ACT for Children works with others to assure that studies are designed to generate sufficient data to allow safe and effective use of new medications and devices in pediatric populations.

To help advance our mission, I-ACT for Children sponsors an Educational Grant Program to support the continuing education of those involved in pediatric clinical trial research. The I-ACT Educational Grant is designed specifically to support the attendance of an early stage investigator, study nurse or coordinator, research administrator or research administration staff who support pediatric clinical trials at a relevant research conference or course. This year a total of four grants*, \$2,500 each, will be awarded to support attendance at a relevant research conference, course or educational program as follows:

Two (2) early stage investigators

- Candidate must hold an academic [or equivalent] rank below associate professor (e.g., assistant professors, instructors, postdocs, fellows and students)

Two (2) research support staff members

- Study nurse or coordinator, research administrator or research administration staff that supports pediatric clinical trials

** Please note – Not more than two (2) applications will be accepted from any single institution and not more than one (1) grant will be awarded to any single institution.*

The deadline for applications is September 30, 2021

Eligibility Criteria

Application must include a written Personal Statement of 500 words or less.

- Statement should describe the applicant's qualifications and accomplishments, including examples of institutional leadership, stewardship of *pediatric clinical research* and commitment to finding solutions for children's unmet medical needs.
- Statement should also explain *how the selected educational program relates to the applicant's work in pediatric research*, how it will benefit the applicant and his/her home institution, and how it advances the I-ACT for Children mission.

“To serve as a neutral and independent organization on behalf of children everywhere, bringing a dedicated voice to the advancement of new medicines and devices needed now and in the future. Our work is to engage public and private stakeholders through research and education to ensure that healthcare for children is continually improved by enhancing the awareness, quality and support for pediatric clinical trials.”



- Financial need will also be considered in the selection process. An optional **Statement of Financial Need** (150 words or less) may be submitted

The application must also include:

- Preferred conference/course name, date (must be during calendar year 2022), and location
- Total anticipated expenses, including event/course registration, travel if applicable (airfare parking, ground transportation), meals (if travel is involved), books/study guides
- **At least** one letter of support from the home institution, signed by either the site Point of Contact (POC) and/or Site Champion (S Ch).
 - The institutional support letter(s) must demonstrate that the applicant has secured approval from his/her supervisor to attend the meeting

Once you have reviewed your application, please return the completed application form (including personal statement and optional statement of financial need) to your local I-ACT Site POC/Site Champion, Jurrans Wilson (juwilson@childrensnational.org), who will then forward selected candidates to I-ACT for final selection. If selected as a candidate, your site POC will write a letter of support that will be forwarded with your application to I-ACT. Please note, all complete application packages must be submitted to Jurrans Wilson (juwilson@childrensnational.org) no later than Friday, September 24th at 5:00 PM EST. Any applications received after this date will not be considered.