

Who can apply?

Applicants should be performing scientific and/or medical research in the state of Minnesota. Principal Investigators can be at any professional rank. Like the NIH, RMM believes that early stage investigators bring fresh ideas to existing research problems and help pioneer new areas of investigation. RMM will make funding decisions that ensure the success rates for early stage investigators are comparable to the success rates on similar applications from established investigators.

What kind of research is being funded?

Funding is available for translational research that moves scientific discoveries into a potential clinical application by developing ways to replace, restore, or regenerate damaged or malfunctioning cells, tissues, and organs to help people return to better health. RMM has special interest in broadening the portfolio of research that can help relieve chronic disorders that strongly impact patients and health care costs in Minnesota, for example, kidney disease requiring dialysis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and diabetic and other non-healing wounds (see *Chronic Conditions in Minnesota*: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpsc/hep/publications/costs/20160127_chronicconditions.pdf).

What criteria are used to evaluate the applications?

- 1) The quality of the science.
 - a. Clear articulation of the scientific principles behind the underlying concepts.
 - b. Importance of potential knowledge to the field of regenerative medicine.
 - c. Robustness of experimental plan and data analysis.
 - d. Strength of preliminary data (if applicable).
 - e. Exploration of potential problems and alternative directions.
 - f. Innovation impact – introduction of new methods, technologies, etc.
- 2) The adequacy of the resources to successfully conduct the research plan.
 - a. Track record or potential of principal investigator.
 - b. Collaborators and co-investigators are appropriate to the project (if applicable).
 - c. Facilities and institutional support are in place to contribute to the success of the experimental plan.
 - d. Budget is realistic for the scope of the proposed project.

What else should applicants know?

- For questions, please go to our website's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page. If you can't find the answer there, email: RegenMedMN@gmail.com
- Maximum request is \$125,000 per year.

- Maximum grant period is two years, with the second year of funding contingent on demonstrated adequate progress in year one.
- Applications can have only one principal investigator (PI).
- PIs can only hold one RMM research grant at a time.
- The PI is responsible for obtaining approvals from all regulatory agencies (e.g., Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee). A copy of the approval document(s) will be required prior to the release of funding.
- Overlap with other proposals should be avoided.
- Awards will be announced January 08, 2018.

How do I apply? (Two steps)

STEP 1: Begin an application by answering the following questions via the Translational Research grant application form found online at www.RegenMedMN.org, “Apply for a Grant”

1. *Applicant Information* (*Principal Investigator and Responsible Party*)

- Investigator name
- Degree(s)
- Based on the NIH guidelines, are you an Early Stage Investigator? (see https://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/investigator_policies_faqs.htm)
- Position at institution
- Email
- Phone number
- Mailing address

2. *Institution Information* (*responsible for receiving and disbursing grant funds*)

- Institution name
- County (in which located)
- Financial Contact name (usually an accountant)
- Financial Contact email
- Financial Contact phone number

3. *Grant Information*

- Title
- Scientific subject of proposal
- Direct costs requested
- Indirect costs requested (should be included in the budget at the established NIH-negotiated rate or, in the absence of a federally negotiated rate, at 10%)
- Total costs requested (*combined direct and indirect costs* must be ≤\$125,000/year)
- Start date requested (between March 1, 2018 and May 30, 2018)
- Length of grant (one year or two)
- List of Co-investigators
- Number of Collaborators

- j. Does this proposal contain privileged information or material that is personal, proprietary or otherwise exempt from disclosure under law?
- k. If awarded, how many new jobs will be created by the grant project?
- l. Goals (3-5 sentences describing the goals of the project in lay language).

STEP 2: Email written research proposal to RegenMedMN@gmail.com

Proposals must use 1" margins on all sides, 12 pt Arial font, and a minimum of single line spacing. Please include PI name and page number in footer. Please do not include any letters of support.

RMM is state funded and subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

*A proposal that results in an RMM award will be available to the public on request, except for privileged information or material that is personal, proprietary or otherwise exempt from disclosure under law. Please **highlight** information that you feel should be withheld from public disclosure to the extent permitted by law, including the Freedom of Information Act. Without assuming any liability for inadvertent disclosure, RMM will seek to limit disclosure of such information to its employees and to outside reviewers when necessary for merit review of the proposal, or as otherwise authorized by law.*

A proposal that does not result in an RMM grant will be retained for three years, but will be released to the public only with the consent of the proposer or to the extent required by law.

Submit as a single pdf file in the following order:

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| Page 1 Abstract | Introduction and overview: include the problem(s) to be investigated and how the aims, if achieved, are of significance to regenerative medicine. Preliminary data (if applicable) |
| Pages 2-7 Research Plan | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Specific aims, including primary study hypotheses for in vitro or pre-clinical studies 2) Approach, including experimental design and methodology 3) Contributions of co-investigators and collaborators (if applicable). 4) Data analysis and interpretation plan 5) Identification of potential problems and alternative strategies 6) Milestones/deliverables for each specific aim at annual reporting points |
| Page 8 | References |
| Page 9 | Description of resources |
| Page 10 | Budget outline, please use format given on page 4. |
| As needed | Current NIH-format biosketch for each investigator |

Budget Template

PI Name

| Personnel Name | Year 1 | | Year 2 | |
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| | Effort | Salary & Fringe | Effort | Salary & Fringe |
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| Other Direct Costs | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | |
| Services | | | | |
| Travel | | | | |
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| Total Direct Costs | | | | |
| Indirect Costs (% by institution) | | | | |
| TOTAL COSTS | | | | |

Justifications for budget items:

Explanation of overlap (if applicable):



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