

## Research Grants

The Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis (TLT4CF) is dedicated to providing innovative research grants for researchers in relation to Cystic Fibrosis (CF). The TLT4CF recognises the paradigm shift in medicine to encompass the mind-body connection and gives highest priority to studies/research in those areas. The TLT4CF recognises the importance of a holistic approach to CF and endeavours to fund such research into preventative medicine such as nutrition, lifestyle, relaxation, breathing, love, exercise etc.

Herein "TLT4CF" means the following;

- (a) The Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis

Herein "CF" means the following;

- (a) Cystic Fibrosis

Please read and understand the following before making any application.

### Section A. Application (guidelines)\*.

- The program/study may take an innovative approach to addressing nutritional approaches to Cystic Fibrosis.
- Lifestyle modifications that take into account and address, inflammation, stress reduction and/or the role it plays in relation to Cystic Fibrosis or significantly improve on or expand existing research into such areas.
- Studies into the effect of exercise, relaxation, psychosocial impact, environmental impact on epigenetic control/genetic expressions, exacerbations and energetics.
- Psychoneuroimmunological effects, its roles, implications and methods to-address, control modify, reduce and/or rectify any impact acquired.
- Any research should try in so far as possible to include practical, meaningful, easy to disseminate information and/or solutions for use within a reasonable period of time and/or continuation of studies/research.
- Any research should be fully documented and accessible to the TLT4CF at any time for review. All scientific research should be fully documented ensuring the use of referencing external studies/information where applicable.

*\*You do not have to include all or any of the above in your application however this is a guideline for the most appropriate and thus most likely to be given funding toward a grant application.*

### Section B. Application Procedure.

Acceptable file formats for electronic copies are: MS Word or Adobe PDF for text files and JPEG or Adobe PDF for graphics files. Use appropriate file extensions (.doc / .pdf / .jpg).

*Please follow the instructions given below.*

Part 1. Applicants should include:

- (a) A cover page with the project title, applicant's name, affiliation, mailing address, and other contact information (phone, fax, e-mail). Please indicate that you are applying for a grant from Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis.
- (b) A 250-word (max) abstract of the proposed project.
- (c) A description of the proposed project including its objectives, justification, and likely practical impact, background, methodology, expected results, and planned means of disseminating the results and available facilities. Maximum length of this description is not to exceed 7 (seven) pages. Use 12pt font, double spaced.

- (d) An itemized budget of any and all expected spending in relation to the study, this must include a justification for each item as it relates to the scope of the project and the benefit to the TLT4CF.
- (e) All other support must be listed to which all key personnel are currently receiving.
- (f) Copy of appropriate resume(s)
- (g) References 5 maximum.
- (h) Applicants must return by electronic mail the completed application guideline and include these pages, signed and dated, by principle investigator(s) and/or any person(s) natural person(s) involved. Electronic signatures are not accepted; signatures must be signed and dated with blue indelible ink only.

**Section C. Terms and Conditions of Award of Grant.**

1. Funds must be spent only on allowable costs agreed upon approval herein of Section B. Part 1(d).
2. Upon completion, grantees will provide to the Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis, copies of all articles before publication for review and thereafter any publications resulting from the funded research/studies, such as theses, journal publications, magazine articles, or other documents.
3. Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis support will be acknowledged in all publications resulting from the grant, but Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis endorsement of results and conclusions will not be implied. Any publications resulting from the grant must be forwarded to the Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis.
4. The TLT4CF offers a successful first time grant applicant between €10,000 and €25,000 however the TLT4CF reserves all rights of refusal outside that outlined in Section D, due to budget constraints, unforeseen and/or extenuating circumstances to which any director, agent, and/or representative deems to be so.
5. Any commitment incurred by a grantee in excess of the amount of the Research grant is not the responsibility of the Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis.
6. The Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis does not provide funds for unanticipated increases in costs, or for the expansion of a research project during the term of a grant.
7. Grantees may be requested to submit interim progress reports, in addition to the report which is required on renewal applications.
8. The Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis-funded research, and clinic do not provide for institutional overheads and/or indirect costs of research or clinical care.
9. Ethical approval is required for all research funded by the Tracie Lawlor Trust for Cystic Fibrosis.
10. Any research must be documented up front and agreed with the trust prior to commencement of the study.
11. If research is conducted outside the scope of the terms and conditions outlined herein and the TLT4CF was misled, uninformed, ill-informed and/or lied too, grantees are liable for all costs incurred and repayment of any grant award.

**Section D. Evaluation of Proposal.**

1. Scientific merit as judged by the originality; reasonableness; significance in relation to previous work on this subject (if any); scientifically sound methods; adequate assessment techniques; and potential significance of the project's goals, methods and benefit to the TLT4CF.

2. Likelihood of success at meeting the scientific objectives and communicating project results to appropriate audiences.
3. Potential for compounded benefits and proposals for new initiatives that may attract additional funding.
4. Reasonableness of the budget request.
5. Quality of proposal presentation, including readability, organization, and satisfaction of the guidelines and requirements listed under "Section A. Application" and "Section B. Application Procedure." Scientific merit as judged by the originality, reasonableness, and potential significance of the project's goals and methods.

\*Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we agree that we have read and fully understand all of the information, terms and conditions herein and agree to abide by them fully.**

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*\*N/A if not applicable.*

Further Funding Information:

Grantees whom have successfully completed and fulfilled a previous funding research grant award for the TLT4CF, will receive a higher priority for a second grant application and the applicant may apply for higher funding or series funding (which will require further information, terms and conditions) at the discretion of the TLT4CF board of directors and scientific committee. The applicant must make clear their wish to apply for this method of funding. Further terms, conditions and information will be provided, upon such a request.