



FISCAL YEAR 2023

RITA SKERTICH HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH GRANT

The Rita Skertich Grant is specifically intended to fund research topics that focus on prevention and treatment of brain aneurysms in the Black and Hispanic population and women; the populations most affected by brain aneurysms. African Americans and Hispanics are twice as likely to have a rupture compared to white Americans. Women are more likely than men (3:2 ratio) to have a brain aneurysm and 1.5 times more at risk of rupture than men. The research funded by this grant will support efforts to improve outcomes, accessibility and a greater understanding of discrepancies in the statistics for these populations with a focus on prevention. The preference is that this grant will be given to a Black, Hispanic and/or female researcher with other underrepresented research groups also considered.

Elizabeth Ratta, a brain aneurysm survivor and a Bee Foundation 'share your story' contributor is passionate about spreading brain aneurysm awareness and particularly in the populations they disproportionately affect- those who are Black, Hispanic and women. This research grant is named for Elizabeth's grandma, Rita who had an unruptured brain aneurysm, but at a time when there was limited treatment and support.

The Bee Foundation for Brain Aneurysm Prevention is a national 501c3 dedicated to brain aneurysm awareness, funding preventative research, national advocacy and providing support. To learn more visit www.thebeefoundation.org.

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

The Bee Foundation (TBF) invites proposals that further the mission of reducing the number of deaths caused by brain aneurysms. Proposals directed at understanding the early detection, pathophysiology, genetic predisposition, or treatment specifically of the Black, Hispanic and female populations will take priority. Proposals from a variety of disciplines (including but not limited to translational Neurosciences, Neurosurgery, Neurology, Radiology, Genetics) are encouraged and multidisciplinary proposals that illustrate a multi-faceted approach will be weighted highly.

FINANCIAL GRANTS

- \$15,000 total amount to be distributed, but not limited to only 1 awarded applicant
- Applicants may request up to \$15,000



PROJECT SCOPE & CRITERIA

The purpose of this program is to promote novel approaches to the early detection and prevention of ruptured cerebral aneurysms with an emphasis on benefiting Black, Hispanic and female populations and more specifically uncovering why discrepancies exist in occurrence of aneurysms and rates of rupture in these populations. Applications with more than one investigator must indicate how the different expertise of the co-investigators will contribute to the overall goals of the project.

- Funds should specifically be used to benefit the Black, Hispanic and female populations
- Funds will be awarded that focus on prevention of brain aneurysm rupture
- Funds will be awarded at focusing on the larger public health issue of brain aneurysms affecting these populations disproportionately
- Funds should not be requested for honoraria, seminars, or retreats.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Priority will be given to those applications with the focus as outlined above.

The proposals must contain the following items:

1. Face page with grant title, and names, departmental affiliations, and contact information of the co-investigators.
2. Brief Summary of the project (< 1 page) describing the relevance of the proposed research and how it will advance the field or benefit Black, Hispanic and female patients in regard to brain aneurysm research.
3. Budget in **attached format**, with a brief (1 page) budget justification.
4. Biosketch of the investigator (or co-Investigators) and any advisors, in **NIH format**.
5. Scientific proposal, not to exceed three single-spaced pages, including specific aims, background/significance, and experimental design/methods. Preliminary data may be included but are not required. Literature cited and IACUC or IRB information (where applicable) are not included in the three-page limit; regulatory approvals may be pending.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **November 17, 2023**. Each application should be submitted as a single PDF file attachment to Erin Kreszl, TBF Executive Director, at: info@thebeefoundation.org.



KEY DATES

Posted Date	September 1st, 2023
Application Due Date(s)	November 17 th , 2023
Scientific Merit Evaluation*	November 2023
Advisory Council Approval*	December 2023
Awards Announcement	December 15th, 2023
Funds Available*	Starting January 1 st , 2024
Preliminary Progress Report	July 1st, 2024
Final Results Report	December 31st, 2024

*Proposals will be evaluated by the TBF Scientific Advisory Board and approved by the TBF Board of Directors. It is anticipated that funds awarded will be made available starting January 1, 2024 dependent upon each institution's process.

PROGRESS REPORT

Grant awardees, or an appropriate representative, are encouraged to attend a TBF Event to present the research proposal. A preliminary progress report should be submitted on July 1, 2024. A Final Progress Report should be submitted to The Bee Foundation at info@thebeefoundation.org by December 31, 2024. Final research findings will be presented at the next annual gala where the awardee will be recognized for his/her dedicated research and work in the advancement in the cerebral aneurysm field specifically in the Black, Hispanic and female populations.



If the grant is awarded, please supply the payee.

- The institution/group practice will serve as the fiscal agent.
- Grant checks payable to: Institution/group practice name
- Grant checks sent to: Include contact name, address, phone number & e-mail

SIGNATURES

Enter the names and contact information for each individual that will sign the completed, printed application. Original signatures are required below on the printed copy.

SIGNATURES

By signing below, I hereby attest that information contained in this application is accurate and true.

Signature of grant applicant

Date

**Signature of mentor/scientific advisor
(if applicable)**

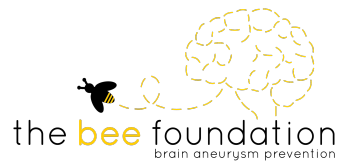
Date

Signature of Department/Group Practice Chair or equivalent:

Date

**Signature of financial officer
(of the applicant institution)**

Date



PROJECT BUDGET

Applicant Information	
Name of organization applying:	
City/State:	
Project title:	
Request amount:	

Revenue			
Revenue	Secured	Pending	Total
Other foundation / corporate support			
Public / government support			
Individual support			
Cash support from organization applying			
In-kind support from organization applying			
Other			
Total			

Expenses				
Expenses*	Request to The Bee Foundation	Secured	Pending	Total
Personnel				
<i>Salaries</i>				
<i>Fringe benefits</i>				
Consultants / consulting fees				
Facility costs				
Printing / publications				
Telephone				
Travel				
Supplies				
Postage				
Evaluation				
Other				
Total				

** Itemize and justify all expenses in the budget justification. Please include personnel costs and role responsibilities for each person for whom expenses are requested.*