GELMAN INNOVATION/INNOVATOR GRANT COMPETITION
Application Instructions

The UM Cardiovascular Center (CVC) Gelman Innovation/Innovator Grant Competition is an internal grant funding opportunity specifically intended to award innovative approaches to or innovators in general cardiovascular science. Only faculty with a UM appointment will be awarded this grant. Fellows please note that you may apply for this grant if you expect to receive a faculty appointment with the University of Michigan by July 1 of the year you apply (funding will be activated only after a faculty appointment has taken place). This is a seed grant, designed to help one collect adequate data that would ideally lead to extramural funding. The grant awarded for this competition will not exceed $15,000. Grant applications are due March 11, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. Funding is for one year, effective May 1, 2009. Below are details regarding criteria and submission procedures.

Completed applications should be forwarded to the attention of Gregory P. Joyce, CVC Administrative Specialist, at 2334 CVC, Box 5852. Please submit one paper copy and an electronic version in PDF or MSWord format as an email attachment to gjoyce@umich.edu.

Funding decisions are made on scientific merit, need, and the potential for extramural funding. The program is not intended to provide funding for multiple projects for one investigator nor is it intended to replace departmental start-up funds for new faculty members. It is expected that faculty members have received a commitment for research support independent of this internal funding application. The CVC Grant Review Committee should be in the position of judging the scientific merit of the application without concern for the start-up needs of a faculty member.

Investigators should submit their most important projects, ones that have the greatest potential to develop into long term focused research programs with a high chance of extramural funding.

Application Procedures

The deadline for the application is March 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

The Principal Investigator must have a primary appointment within the University of Michigan.
Applications are available electronically in PDF and Word format at the following URL: http://www.med.umich.edu/cvc/research/laboratory_grant.html

All proposals must be reviewed and signed by the appropriate Section Head/Division Chief or Department Chair before submission to the Committee.

The Review Committee reviews all grant applications and assigns reviewers with expertise in the field. Decisions for funding are based on the reviews, scientific merit, the relative need and availability of funds. Basic science and clinical research projects are both strongly encouraged. Applicants will receive written evaluations of their respective application submitted.

Approval for human and animal use may be listed as pending and if a grant is awarded, will be contingent upon appropriate approvals.

Applications must contain information regarding all current funds (i.e., Section, University, extramural) available to the researcher and pending proposals. It is expected that as funds are received, the investigator will disclose this information and provide a statement as to how funds will be utilized should multiple funding awards be granted.

The Review Committee does not utilize NIH standard application format. The application form is basically a narrative written by the researcher noting the innovation to be studied or the merit of the researcher as an innovator in his or her field of study and plans for developing this innovation in the future. A full justification of all budget items requested should be included. All currently active and pending federal, non-federal, commercial or institutional research funds held by the applicant must be disclosed. The application form must also include biographical sketches of all key personnel. Each biosketch must be no more than two pages.

The application must be completed using a font with the following characteristics:

- Minimum size is 10pt
- Maximum number of characters per inch is 15.
- A 1/2 inch margin must be maintained on the right and left sides of the page.
- Single spacing is acceptable.

All applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the cycle deadline.

An original application should be submitted in one paper copy and one copy electronically as an email attachment to gjoyce@umich.edu.

Applications that do not conform to these instructions will be returned.

The following costs will not be supported from this research fund:

- Faculty salary support
- Construction
- Travel
- Training
- Hosting
- Already incurred cost overruns

**Post Award**

It will be the responsibility of the principal investigator and his/her respective division/department to monitor funding activity and expenditures.

If external funding is received, for the same or closely related proposal, while a Gelman grant is active, the remainder of the Gelman grant funds will be returned to the UM Cardiovascular Center.

**Close-out**

Once the project has been completed or if the principal investigator leaves, the investigator’s section/division/department is responsible for closing out the account. Any positive balance is to be transferred back to the Cardiovascular Center; deficits are the responsibility of the section/division/department.