



2024 Targeted Request for Planning Grant Proposals

Building a team to undertake research on understanding the mechanism behind desmoid tumor regression.

At the 2023 DTRF International Research Workshop and Scientific & Medical Advisory board meeting, a key research priority was identified: learning why some desmoid tumors spontaneously regress. Understanding what is different about the tumor or patient in instances where the tumor regresses on its own from those in which it does not is likely to provide critical insight into: desmoid tumor biology; patient prognosis; new therapies; and more targeted therapies.

It was also recognized that multi-investigator and/or multi-site collaborative work will be needed to generate rigorous data in this area.

Furthermore, such collaborative groups, especially of researchers from different disciplines, are not yet established. To meet this need, the DTRF will be funding planning grant(s) to build such a group(s) addressing this issue in anticipation of funding a larger programmatic project.

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Important Planning Grant Information and Key Dates

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Information to include in the application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) how the proposed larger project will address the issue of understanding why some desmoid tumors regress; (2) who the team members are; (3) what the research sites will be; (4) what kinds of analyses will be undertaken; (5) what patient cohorts will be used and/or needed; and (6) how the funds will be used to solidify and further develop the group and/or generate preliminary data.
Application Deadline	June 14, 2024 by 11:59PM ET
Award Notification	By July 31, 2024 (subject to change)
Projected Start Date	As soon as possible, latest September 1, 2024
Grant Term	1 year or less
Additional Information	<p>There is an intent to fund a full project in 2025.</p> <p>The total application should be no more than 4 pages.</p> <p>This grant is intended for established investigators with an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree.</p>

Please direct any questions to grants@dtrf.org.