

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Support groups and nonprofit organizations that focus on rare disease and are based in the United States are eligible to apply. Global Genes will not accept international applications this year. Foundations must be a member of the Global Genes RARE Foundation Alliance to be eligible. Support groups must provide an accompanying endorsement letter signed by a medical professional that is on the organization's letterhead (i.e. the hospital or clinic letterhead) with their application.

2. What is the definition of a rare disease for the RARE Patient Impact Grant?

Global Genes uses the [National Institutes of Health](#) definition of a rare disease, which is one that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the U.S.

3. How do we register our foundation to be a RARE Foundation Alliance partner?

To register your foundation, please go to:

<https://globalgenes.org/foundation-alliance/>.

Once registration is submitted, you are considered a RARE Foundation Alliance partner. Please note, there may be a slight lag between registration submission and your foundation's name appearing on our Foundation Alliance Page.

4. How do support groups submit the required medical professional endorsement letter?

Support groups applying for the RARE Patient Impact Grant must provide an endorsement letter signed by a medical professional on the institutional letterhead of the endorsing professional. These letters should be submitted to raregrants@globalgenes.org by November 30, 2015 at 11:59 pm PST to qualify. Please use the subject line: Medical Professional Endorsement Letter

5. What type of medical professional?

The medical professional must be connected to the specific disease community and currently in practice. Examples of acceptable medical professionals: Neurologist, Dietician, Nurse, Endocrinologist, Cardiologist, Physical Therapist, etc.

6. What projects are acceptable?

Accepted projects must focus on rare disease patients and/or caregivers, must be completed within 2016, and at least 50 percent of the beneficiaries of the project must be from the United States. The RARE Patient Impact Grant will not fund: 1) research; 2) personal requests; or 3) general education or information publications for healthcare providers.

7. What level of liability insurance is required? And is it required for all projects?

Commercial general liability insurance indemnifying Global Genes is required for all proposed projects that have in-person or travel components, regardless of participant age. The required liability insurance level, type and additional insured language will be discussed and verified upon award announcement. You must provide appropriate verification to receive funding.

8. Can staff salaries be included in the project budget?

Staff salaries for those that will be supporting a proposed project can be included in the project budget, but should not be the majority of the budgetary line items. Administrative costs cannot exceed 10% of total project budget.

9. What financials are required for a 501c(3)? For a support group?

Please include enough financial history to provide the review committee with a good assessment of your ability to manage funding and a solid understanding of the financial security of the organization or support group. Support groups can use the financial history of their endorsing agency. If your organization does not currently manage funds, you will not be immediately disqualified. Grant applications will be evaluated on a number of criteria.

10. What is a case study?

The case study highlighted in the grant guidance is a reporting requirement for any proposals that are awarded. The case study will help capture the impact of the grant funding in a consistent way. These case studies can be used by both Global Genes and the awardee to share successes of the RARE Patient Impact Grant program. Global

Genes will provide a case study template and overall reporting requirements to each grantee upon funding.

11. For applicants requesting more than \$5,000, how should the required presentation slides be submitted?

Applicants requesting more than \$5,000 are required to submit a presentation slide deck with the application. The presentation slide deck can be a maximum of 10 slides and should be submitted to raregrants@globalgenes.org by November 30, 2015 at 11:59 pm PST to qualify. Please use the subject line: Presentation Slide Deck.

Those invited to present will be contacted by a Global Genes staff member to coordinate the date and time. The presentations will take place in January and will last about 15 minutes (10 minutes of applicant presentation and 5 minutes of questions from review committee).

12. How will awards be disseminated?

Grant awards less than \$5,000 will be paid 30 days post award announcement. Grant awards more than \$5,000 will be paid in two installments: 1) 30 days post award announcement; and 2) three months following the first payment.

No funds can be transferred to a personal bank account. Funds must be transferred to an established bank account in the organization's name. Support groups can use their endorsing institution as the fiscal agent. Please note, to establish a bank account under an organization's name, you may need to apply for a Federal Identification Number.