Scandiatransplant Research Grant

The aim of the Scandiatransplant Research Grant is to support initiation of research projects related to the purpose of the Scandiatransplant collaboration as defined in the Scandiatransplant articles §3 (http://www.scandiatransplant.org/about-scandiatransplant/organisation/ArticlesofAssociationforForeningenScandiatransplant.pdf). The project should initiate novel research in the field of solid organ transplantation performed in Scandiatransplant member hospitals aiming at publication in high-ranking international peer reviewed scientific journals. Collaborative projects from two or more participating member hospitals, preferably in different countries, will be prioritized. Funding can only be given to a specific project once.

Grant

The amount of the research grant will be decided by the Board and announced along with the call for applications. The grant may be shared between several applicants at the discretion of the Board.

Applications

The Scandiatransplant Board will announce a call for applications once a year. The application should include a completed application form and the following attachments:

1. A brief project description of maximum 4 pages including the summary must be attached, formatted as conventional for manuscripts for scientific journals. The project description should contain a brief summary (maximum 200 words), sufficient background to provide a rationale for the study, a brief description of materials and methods, evidence of approval from the relevant ethics committee, an overview of project collaborators, a timeline, a budget (including any other funding for the project, if applicable) and plans for dissemination of the study results.

2. Curriculum vitae for the principal investigator (maximum two pages plus a list of publications the last 5 years). Applications should be submitted to the Scandiatransplant Secretariat in Aarhus, and must be received before Feb. 1 the year concerned.

Evaluation process

All applications will be evaluated by the Board and priority for funding will be based on alignment with the aims of the grant, on scientific merit, and on likelihood of success. The Board may seek external scientific evaluation. If no agreement is achieved within the Board, the application may be presented to the Council of Representatives of Scandiatransplant for a final decision made by the majority of representatives. Board members or Council Representatives should be queried for conflicts of interest, and applicants (principal investigators) should be replaced by their alternate representatives.

Granted applications and reports

The applicants will be notified a few weeks after the Board or Council meeting and the grant sum will be transferred to the applying principal investigator within one month thereafter.
Any publication based on the Scandiatransplant research grant should specifically acknowledge the Scandiatransplant Research Grant as source of economical support. If data is retrieved from the Scandiatransplant registry, this should be noted in the materials description or in the acknowledgements as appropriate.

A brief report describing scientific progress and financial balance should be submitted to the Scandiatransplant office after one year and a final report submitted upon completion of at the project. The final report of the project will be entered on the Scandiatransplant home page after written publication.

Funding not used, normally within 3 years must be returned to Scandiatransplant.