



**UNMC Vice Chancellor for Research
Edna Ittner Pediatric Research Support Fund Request for Application
Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Purpose: The Edna Ittner Pediatric Research Support Fund awards grants for the study of diseases and congenital disabilities of children.

Award Description: Up to three grants will be awarded. Maximum award is \$40,000.

Period of Performance: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Eligibility: Any UNMC faculty (assistant professor or above) from any college; including faculty who have a signed employment agreement in place with a start date prior to November 1, 2022. Only one application is allowed per faculty member. Priority will be given to requests from faculty members in the Department of Pediatrics if the number of scientifically meritorious requests exceeds available funds.

Application Deadlines:

- RFA Announcement: February 11, 2022
- Application submission: ~~5:00 PM, March 16, 2022~~ **EXTENDED 5:00 PM, April 8, 2022**
- Review and notice of grant award: April 2022
- Grant award: July 1, 2022, pending regulatory review and approval

Review process: Proposals will be submitted to an internal committee of UNMC reviewers. The final selection committee has been determined per the parameters of an agreement between the Ittner Trust and the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Selection Criteria: Priority will be based on the following criteria.

- Scientific merit, including originality, the clarity of the hypothesis and experimental design, and feasibility of the project
- Likelihood of new extramural funding
- Relevance to the purpose of the Edna Ittner Pediatric Research Support Fund – the study of disease and congenital disabilities of children
- Qualifications of the research team

Reporting requirements: PI must submit a final report and accomplishments by August 30, 2023 through NuRamp. The report should summarize the research accomplishments including publications, plans for submitting applications for extramural funding, and any awards successfully competed for due to this project.

Formatting: Format application to NIH page standards (font, margins, line spacing) and include regulatory sections as relevant.

Grant Application Format: The proposal must be submitted per NIH application standards as a single PDF and should include:

- I. [Face Page](#)
- II. Lay Abstract (maximum 250 words)

- III. Project Description including the following elements (maximum five pages):
- A. Page one: Introduction, Hypothesis, Specific Aims or Goals
 - B. Pages two-five: Research Plan
 1. Background & Significance
 2. Innovation
 3. Research Design & Methods
 4. Timeline/Expected Outcomes
 5. *Note: preliminary data is not required and appendices will not be accepted.*
- IV. Bibliography: references or literature citations should be included but will not be counted as part of the five-page limit.
- V. Data Safety Monitoring Plan: should be included where appropriate; but will not be counted as part of the five-page limit.
- A. Evidence of application to appropriate regulatory bodies (e.g., IRB) should be demonstrated, but approval is not required until at time of submission.
 - B. Funds will not be released until appropriate regulatory approvals are received.
- VI. NIH Biosketch with current funding for every investigator that is listed on the Face Page.
- VII. [Grant Budget form](#)
- VIII. [Budget justification](#)
- A. Clearly articulate any plan for subcontracting to other entities (include the amount to be subcontracted).
 - B. Explanation for equipment or computers requested.
 - C. Note, ADIS internal forms are not required at the time of application.

Excluded budget categories:

- Indirect costs (F&A)
- Faculty effort/salary

Submission Information:

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM on April 8, 2022. NuRamp will not accept applications after the deadline. Applications must be submitted electronically through the [NuRamp](#) Internal Competitions module. Upload the application as **one single pdf** under the NuRamp File Upload field. Routing is not required, your signed face sheet will serve as the routing approval for this competition. *Don't forget to sign your application after submitting to routing.*

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