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José Baselga Research Fund Grant (Baselga Grant)

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SUMMARY OF THE GRANT APPLICATION

GRANT: JOSÉ BASELGA RESEARCH FUND GRANT (Baselga Grant)

PURPOSE: To support new and innovative projects by an investigator in basic, translational, clinical, or population science. The project must have direct applicability and relevance to understanding, detection, diagnosis, or treatment of CJD or any prion disease.

AMOUNT: Up to \$75,000 over a one-year period. 100% of funds must be used for direct costs (e.g.: laboratory supplies, small pieces of equipment, salary for scientific, and travel expenses for the project). Grant funds cannot be used for indirect costs or overheads. A final financial and progress report, including a lay summary, must be submitted within 60 days from the end date of the grant period.

APPLICATION TIMELINE:

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE: June 16, 2023, at 6:00PM EST
NOTIFICATION OF THE FINALISTS: July 17, 2023

Finalist applicants invited to submit a full application:

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 29, 2023, at 6:00PM EST
NOTIFICATION OF GRANT RECIPIENT: December 1, 2023
START OF THE GRANT: January 15, 2024

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Must be an investigator with a doctoral degree (Ph.D., MD, MD/Ph.D. or equivalent) in the related fields.
- Must hold a faculty appointment as an assistant investigator or professor.
- Must be able to complete project's aims in a calendar year.
- Must work at an academic, medical, or research institution anywhere in the world.
- Funds must be used within the grant period, from January 15th, 2024 to January 14th, 2025.
- There are no citizenship or geographic requirements. However, by submitting an application for this grant, an applicant applying from an institution located in a country in which they are not a citizen or a permanent resident, assures that the visa status will provide sufficient time to complete the project and grant term at the institution from which they applied.

- Publications resulting in projects funded in whole or part by Baselga Grant must acknowledge the “AZ-José Baselga Research Fund Founded by AstraZeneca” as a funding source.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

AZ - José Baselga Research Fund Founded by AstraZeneca was created in 2021, after Dr. José Baselga, the head of Oncology R&D at AstraZeneca, [died of CJD](#). Because José Baselga was a physician-scientist and fighter, his family decided that the best way to honor his legacy is to support scientists in the pursuit of understanding, and eradicating, prion diseases. This fund was made possible by the generosity of AstraZeneca, and the support of [Charity Aid Foundation America](#) and [Alexion](#).

The purpose of the grant program is to provide resources for new and innovative research projects in the field of prion diseases. We hope these grants will promote significant scientific discoveries that will advance our understanding of prion diseases and the development of new therapies, thus giving hope to CJD patients and their families.

Each year, the Baselga Grant will support one innovative project by an investigator conducting basic, translational, clinical, or population research. The project must have direct applicability and relevance to understanding the pathophysiology or other aspects of prion diseases, developing therapies, or mechanisms for earlier detection of prion disease.

The grant program will provide up to \$75,000 over a one-year period starting on January 15, 2024, the beginning of grant term, for expenses related to the research project, which may include the salary and benefits of the grant recipient or any collaborator or research assistants, research/laboratory supplies, equipment, travel applicable to the research project, publication charges for manuscripts that pertain directly to the funded project, and other research expenses. Indirect costs are not allowable expenses.

The application process for Baselga Grant will consist of two phases. **Phase 1** will consist of submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI) that captures the applicant’s project and its relevance. LOIs will be reviewed by the AZ-JB Research Scientific Advisory Committee. A limited number of applicants whose LOI are deemed most meritorious will be invited by the committee to submit a full application. **For those applicants, Phase 2** will require submitting a Full Application.

LOI DEADLINE:

June 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm US Eastern Time.

APPLICANTS NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION STATUS OF LOI

By July 17, 2023

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE:

September 29, 2023, at 6:00 pm US Eastern Time.

Applicants who have been invited to submit a full application must follow the Application Instructions. Proposals must correlate directly with the previously submitted Letter of Intent.

NOTIFICATION OF THE AWARD:

December 1, 2023.

START OF THE GRANT:

January 15, 2024.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The applicant must be a singular investigator with a doctoral degree (Ph.D., MD, MD/Ph.D. or equivalent) in the related fields.

At the start of the grant term on January 15, 2024 applicants must:

- Hold a faculty appointment. If eligibility is based on a future position, the position must be confirmed at the time of submission of the full application. If the future position is a different institution than the applicant's current institution, the applicant must contact the Baselga Grant team at info@josebaselga.com **before submitting their LOI** for information on additional verification materials/signatures that may be required.
- Must be able to complete project's aims in a calendar year.
- Work at an academic, medical, or research institution anywhere in the world.
- There are no citizenship or geographic requirements. However, by submitting an application for this grant, an applicant applying from an institution located in a country in which they are not a citizen or a permanent resident, assures that the visa status will provide sufficient time to complete the project and grant term at the institution from which they applied.

Investigators may submit only **one** LOI for the Baselga Grant per year. Applicants are welcome to reapply for the Baselga grant in consecutive years.

FUNDS SPECIFICS:

- Funds must be used within the grant period, from January 15, 2024 to January 14, 2025.
- A final financial and progress report, including a lay summary, must be submitted within 60 days from the end date of the grant period.

OTHER:

- Publications resulting in projects funded in whole or part by Baselga Grant must acknowledge the “AZ- José Baselga Research Fund Founded by AstraZeneca” as a funding source.
- The grant recipient must be willing to record a short video explaining their research and allow the Baselga family to publicize it on the José Baselga website.

RESEARCH PROJECT CRITERIA:

The proposed research must represent a new and innovative approach by an investigator in basic, translational, clinical, or population science. The project must have direct applicability and relevance to understanding, diagnosis, or treatment of CJD or any prion disease.

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) INSTRUCTIONS

COMPETITIVE LOI DESCRIPTION:

The Baselga Grant LOI is an application tool designed to identify the projects with the greatest scientific potential and alignment with the Program Guidelines without requiring applicants to first submit a full application. A LOI is not written as *correspondence* to the Scientific Review Committee but instead follows a prescribed template that gathers information summarizing the proposed research project.

The Baselga Grant LOI’s will be reviewed by the AZ-JB Research Scientific Advisory Committee. The applicants whose LOI are deemed most meritorious will be invited by the committee to submit a full application.

The LOI for the Baselga Grant will be submitted as a google form available at <https://www.josebaselga.com/jbrf>. The LOI must provide a clear, concise, and comprehensive overview of the proposed work. Relevant references must be attached and are limited to two pages.

EVALUATION OF COMPETITIVE LETTERS OF INTENT AND INVITED APPLICATIONS:

All the LOIs will be reviewed by the AZ-JB Research Scientific Review Committee. So there are no conflict of interest, the proposals will not be reviewed by committee members from the same institution as the applicant (Note: Review procedures and guidelines will follow the National Institute of Health’s Conflict of Interest, Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Rules).

If the LOI receives a favorable review, the applicant will be invited to submit a full application.

The Committee will consider each year's applicants independently, without regard to the topics covered in previously funded proposals or to the institutions of the previous grantees.

LETTER OF INTENT APPLICATION PROCESS:

All the Letter of Intent forms must be completed in English, and submitted by June 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm US Eastern Time. LOI forms submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made. Finalists will be notified via email before July 17th, 2023, and will be invited to submit a full application.

[LOI Form link](#)

LOI – Submit Baselga Grant LOI Form – The LOI form asks for the following information:

- Name and academic title of PI and Department
- Name of the institution
- Contact Information, including mailing address, telephone number, and email address
- Title of the program/project
- A brief summary of the project (the 800 words count does NOT include figures or images)
- PI Signature
- Enter information regarding the applicant's institution and signing official.
- Relevant References, limited to two pages. AACR reference style follows that of the [Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals](#). Note that the *Uniform Requirements* specify that, for articles with more than six authors, the names of the first six authors must be listed, followed by “et al.” For articles with six or fewer authors, all authors must be listed.
- Biographical Sketch (using current NIH format). Applicants are required to use the [Non-fellowship Biosketch](#) template available to download from the [NIH's Biosketch Format Pages, Instructions and Samples](#). Please refer to the Instructions and Non-fellowship biosketch sample under **Biographical Sketch Format Page (non-fellowship)**. The biographical sketch must be in English.

Formatting Instructions. Applicants must adhere to the following instructions in completing the templates. Failure to observe type size specifications and page limits will result in the return of the Letter of Intent without review.

- Type size. Must use 12-point Times New Roman for the text, and no smaller than 9-point type for figures, legends, and tables.
- Single-spaced text. Single-spacing is acceptable, and space between paragraphs is recommended.
- Margins. The page margins must be no less than 0.75 inches on each side.
- Page numbering. The Narrative must be numbered consecutively.

Applicants will receive an email confirmation once their LOI form has been submitted and processed by the Baselga Grant administration.

CHANGES TO THE LOI:

Withdrawal of Letter of Intent. Please advise info@josebaselga.com promptly, in writing, should you decide to withdraw your Letter of Intent. Your correspondence email must include your name, and the title of the project.

Change of Address. Please advise info@josebaselga.com of any changes of address, e-mail, or phone number, following the submission of a Letter of Intent. The e-mail address provided with your Letter of Intent will be used for all official communication about your submission, including the recipient selection results.

Change of Institution or Position. If you change your institution or professional position, contact info@josebaselga.com to determine whether your Letter of Intent is still eligible for review.

FULL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following are the instructions for completing a full application for the Baselga Grant. Those applicants whose LOIs are deemed scientifically innovative and essential in moving the field of prion diseases, will be invited to submit a full application. Applications must elaborate on the information previously submitted in the approved Letter of Intent (LOI). The grant provides up to \$75,000 over a one-year period starting the grant term for expenses related to the research project, which may include the salary and benefits of the grant recipient or any collaborator or research assistants, research/laboratory supplies, equipment, travel applicable to the research project, publication charges for manuscripts that pertain directly to the funded project, and other research expenses. Indirect costs are not allowable expenses.

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE:

September 29, 2023, at 6:00 pm US Eastern Time.

Applicants who have been invited to submit a full application must follow the Application Instructions. Proposals must correlate directly with the previously submitted Letter of Intent.

NOTIFICATION OF THE AWARD:

December 1, 2023.

START OF THE GRANT:

January 15, 2024.

EVALUATION OF INVITED APPLICATIONS:

Applications are subject to a two-stage review process. In the first stage, the full applications are reviewed and rated by members of AZ-JB Research Scientific Review Committee. The second stage includes a further review and discussion of the scores and comments resulting from the

initial review process. This process will be carried out by the AZ-JB Research Scientific Review Committee.

In order to avoid any conflict of interest, the proposals will not be reviewed by committee members from the same institution as the applicant (Note: Review procedures and guidelines will follow the NIH's Conflict of Interest, Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Rules).

The Committee will consider each year's applicants independent of previously funded proposals or institutions of previous grantees.

FULL APPLICATION PROCESS:

If the LOI receives a favorable review, the recipient will be invited to submit a full application. **All the application materials must be in English. The application deadline is September 29th, 2023, at 6:00 pm US Eastern Time. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. No exceptions will be made.**

Application submission – Fill out the Baselga Grant Application form:

- Baselga Grant full application form, including the following information:
 - Name and academic title of PI and Department
 - Name of the institution
 - Contact Information, including mailing address, telephone number and email address
 - Title of the program/project
 - PI Signature
 - The institutional representative's signature (verifies PI appointment and support of the institution)
- Research Plan (3,500 words maximum)
 - Including Background and Rationale, Research Hypothesis, Project Specific aims and Methodology, Expected Results and Potential Impact
 - Figures are allowed and not counted toward the word count
 - Include a closing paragraph that explains how this research will develop
- References may be included on additional page(s)
- List of collaborators (optional) on an additional page (1)
- Budget justification
- Biographical Sketch (using current NIH format). Due to limited spaces, you can supply a link to your full list of publications.
- List of current grants

Formatting Instructions. Applicants must adhere to the following instructions in completing the templates. Failure to observe type size specifications and page limits will result in the return of the Full Application without review.

- Type size. Must use 12-point Times New Roman for the text, and no smaller than 9-point type for figures, legends, and tables.

- Single-spaced text. Single-spacing is acceptable, and space between paragraphs is recommended.
- Margins. The page margins must be no less than 0.75 inches on each side.
- Page numbering. The Narrative must be numbered consecutively.

Once the applicant fills out the forms and meets all the requirements, they will be allowed to submit the full application by email to info@josebaselga.com. An email will be sent to the applicant to confirm that the application has been received.

CHANGES TO YOUR FULL APPLICATION

Withdrawal of Application. Please advise info@josebaselga.com promptly, in writing, should you decide to withdraw your application for any reason. Your correspondence must include your name and the title of the project.

Change of Address. Notify of any changes of address, e-mail, or phone number, following the submission of your application. The e-mail address provided with your application will be used for all official communication about your submission, including the recipient selection results.

Change of Institution or Position. If you change your institution or professional position, contact info@josebaselga.com to determine whether your application is still eligible for review.

INQUIRIES

Inquiries about the program guidelines, eligibility requirements, LOI materials, application materials or anything else can be directed to info@josebaselga.com

