

## Research Grant Award

The Precision Medicine Special Interest Group (PM SIG) will again be issuing a Research Grant Award, with the goals of supporting research projects related to precision medicine and to promote genetic counselors' involvement in this area.

**Deadlines:** August 16, 2019. A determination of which proposal(s) will be funded will be made by September 6, 2019. Funds will be issued by end of September. The project(s) should be completed and funds spent by December 31, 2020.

**Award Amount:** The award amount will range from \$200-\$600 depending on number of grants awarded.

**Eligibility:** Current NSGC Precision Medicine SIG members or genetic counseling students enrolled in an accredited training program may submit an application. PM SIG membership is **not** required for genetic counseling students.

**Primary Contact:** Please direct questions or comments to PM SIG Chairs, Marci Schwartz at [mlbschwartz@geisinger.edu](mailto:mlbschwartz@geisinger.edu) and Tara Schmidlen at [tjschmidlen@geisinger.edu](mailto:tjschmidlen@geisinger.edu)

### Application Guidelines:

1. Proposals are limited to 1-2 pages (12 point font single-spaced). Please include a clearly labeled introduction/background, statement of need, study purpose (aims, hypothesis, objectives), methods, and justification.
2. Projects that have broad interest to the SIG will be ranked higher than ones with a more limited scope, so please mention how your project's results might benefit others in the SIG.
3. Please include a one-page summary of costs for the project. Please take the time to determine how much money would be required and itemize each cost and provide a total at the bottom. Please indicate if you would also be willing to accept partial funding.

### Grant Review Guidelines:

1. **Eligibility:** Are the principal investigator(s) members in good standing of the PM SIG? Is the project topic relevant to genetic counselors working in personalized/precision medicine?
2. **Need:** Is there a need to focus on the issue that is being addressed and is it clearly described in the proposal?
3. **Scope:** Is the project scope broad enough to be of benefit to a significant proportion of the PM SIG membership?
4. **Goals:** Does the proposal contain a detailed plan of action to achieve its goals?
5. **Methods:** Are the methods reasonable and appropriate? Can the project be completed within the time allotted?
6. **Budget:** Does the budget clearly outline how the money will be spent? Are the expenses reasonable?
7. **Final product:** Are there clear plans for a final product (e.g. brochure, article) that will be useful to the PM SIG?

### Project Requirements:

1. Acceptance of the award indicates an understanding that the project must be completed by the date indicated in the proposal and that the funds must be used as outlined in the budget. Funds must be spent by December 31, 2020.
2. During the course of the project, the recipient will submit receipts or invoices regarding the costs of the study to the PM SIG co-chairs.
3. The awardee(s) must share findings of the project at the PM SIG meeting at the 2020 NSGC AEC, during a PM SIG webinar, or via educational materials. Other presentation types may be allowed, if requested.
4. The awarded funds must be used toward the completion of the proposed project. Any funds that remain unused by December 31, 2020 must be returned to the PM SIG co-chairs.
5. Any publications that result from this funding must be reviewed by the NSGC Executive Office as NSGC is responsible for such grant project outcomes.