



2026 Collaborative Group of the Americas on Inherited Gastrointestinal Cancers (CGA-IGC) Award

Request for Applications

- ❖ **FOCUS:** Hereditary gastrointestinal cancer syndromes
- ❖ **DEADLINE EXTENDED:** Friday, JULY 31, 2026, at 5:00 PM PACIFIC TIME
- ❖ **APPLY:** cgaigc.com/grant-opportunities
- ❖ **Award Amount:** \$30,000
- ❖ **Award period/length of award:** January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028

CGA-IGC's **vision** is to eliminate morbidity and early mortality of hereditary gastrointestinal cancers.

CGA-IGC's **mission** is to advance science, clinical care and advocacy for patients with inherited gastrointestinal cancers through research and education as the leading authority in the Americas.

Please review this document carefully prior to submission to ensure you have all parts of the application needed to complete the online submission. A checklist is provided at the end of this document.

OBJECTIVE

- The Collaborative Group of the Americas on Inherited Gastrointestinal Cancer (CGA-IGC) is offering a research award that directly promotes the mission of the organization. Proposals investigating any area of hereditary gastrointestinal cancer risk will be considered. CGA encourages projects that will generate preliminary data to support future NIH, foundation, or industry-sponsored grant applications.

DESCRIPTION

- An award of up to \$30,000 total over 2 years (\$15,000 per year) will be given to unique and creative projects based on competitive review. Preliminary or pilot projects do not necessarily require previous work or data. These awards are not designed to fund existing or ongoing activities. Grants submitted with matching funds will receive special attention. The initial award will be up to \$15,000 for the first year, with the award of the other half of the funding after review of a progress report from the first year. The total award period will be two years; however, a no-cost extension may be considered with appropriate justification and approval by the CGA-IGC Grant Review Committee.

Funding for these research grants comes from our generous members, partners, and sponsors.



ELIGIBILITY & AWARD PROVISIONS

- The proposed research or activity must be investigator-initiated and conducted within North, Central or South America.
- The principal investigator must be a CGA-IGC member ***in good standing*** at the time of grant submission and during the award period.
- All active members of the CGA-IGC, regardless of the degree or title, are encouraged to submit, however the committee prioritizes early career investigators.
- Members of the CGA-IGC Executive Council or Grant Review Committee are ineligible for receiving funding from this award, however can be co-investigators or advisors.
- Investigators may submit one application per grant mechanism, per funding cycle.
- Trainees are eligible to submit if supporting documentation attesting to oversight and mentorship are included in the application.
- Applications not funded may be considered for other CGA grants, at the discretion of the Grant Review Committee.

**Important! Full CGA-IGC membership for the duration of the grant in good standing is required. To Join CGA-IGC, [click here](#).*

- The awarding of a grant, or renewal of an existing grant, is at the discretion of the Grant Review Committee and can be suspended from year to year.
- The scope of the proposed research should match the grant budget. All or part of a submitted proposal cannot be funded by another institution or agency, either local or national, other than in the form of a matching grant.
- The submitting investigator agrees to complete the project based on the specific aims and budget submitted. Changes in specific aims or scope of the proposed project may be allowed with appropriate justification and approval by the CGA-IGC.
- Funds may be used for research personnel support (excluding PI salary), supplies, laboratory assays, statistical support, and other direct project-related costs. All expenditures must be directly aligned with the approved scope of work. Salary support for the investigator(s), travel funds or institutional indirect costs are not allowed.
- A progress report will be submitted to the Grant Review Committee at the end of the first year of funding, and a final report will be submitted within three months of the grant period's completion. The CGA-IGC will provide templates for these reports.
- Successful applicants must agree to acknowledge CGA-IGC support in any publications or presentations that result from the research or project, with the following text: "Supported by the Collaborative Group of the Americas on Inherited Gastrointestinal Cancer."
- All awards will be recognized at the annual meeting. Awardees must be present at the 2026 CGA-IGC annual meeting to receive the award.
- One or more of the investigators participating in the project are required to present their findings or outcomes to the CGA-IGC membership at a future Annual Meeting, CGA-IGC webinar, or other CGA-sponsored educational session within 3 years of grant completion.



REVIEW CRITERIA

In evaluating the merits of an application, the Committee will consider the following:

1. The nature and clarity of the project as a discrete, well-defined activity that can be completed within the proposed study period.
2. Clinical or scientific significance or relevance of the project as it pertains to the field of inherited gastrointestinal cancer syndromes.
3. Overall impact and potential to advance the field of hereditary gastrointestinal cancer, including scalability, reproducibility and potential for future extramural funding.
4. Availability of other resources to fund the proposal.
5. Ability of the investigator(s) to complete the Specific Aims or objectives of the proposal.
6. Project feasibility (including availability of adequate resources, personnel, and facilities) and measures of outcome.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

- Documents should be formatted using 1" margins and a font no smaller than 11 point. The scientific proposal (Specific Aims + Research Plan/Strategy) must be no more than 3 pages TOTAL.
- Applications must be submitted through the CGA-IGC Grant Portal. All requested fields must be completed. A PDF copy of the grant application can be submitted through this portal. Please email info@cgaigc.com with any questions or for technical assistance.
- All parts of the application must be completed before July 10, 2026, at 5PM PT to be considered for review.

ALL sections below are counted in the 3-page limit

1. Abstract
2. Background/Significance/Innovation
 - Include specifics about how this proposal promotes the mission of CGA-IGC
3. Specific Aims & Hypotheses
4. Pilot Data/Preliminary Work (not required, but should be included if available)
5. Project Plan/Strategy
 - Include project design, planned analysis and statistical considerations, expected outcomes, and a timeline for completion

The Sections below items are excluded from the 3-page limit

6. Resources Cited
7. Institutional Review Board (IRB) status (if applicable)
 - If the proposal involves the participation of human subjects, this section should include institutional review board status (approved, submitted, pending submission). Please note IRB approval is not required at the time of proposal submission, but approval or submission raises the feasibility of project.
8. Conflict of interest (if applicable)
 - Applicants must disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest related to the proposed project, including financial interests or intellectual property (e.g., device or drug patents).
9. Budget
 - A detailed proposal budget should be included. Indicate how the funds will be allocated and justify each budget item. If matching funds are available, include them in the budget proposal.
10. Supporting Letters (if applicable)
 - Mentor letters of support are required for Trainee applicants.
11. Biographical Sketch for Principal Investigator and Co-investigators (NIH format)
12. Current and pending other support for the Principal Investigator and mentor, including information about matching fund sources (if applicable).

KEY DATES

- **July 17, 2026** - Applications due
- **August 28, 2026** - Awards announced
- **November 1, 2026** - Recipients recognized at CGA-IGC Annual Meeting Awards ceremony
- **January 1, 2027** - Funding start date

Please carefully review checklist on the next page. Any questions please contact us on info@cgaigc.com

2026 CGA-IGC AWARD CHECKLIST

All grant applications must be submitted through the CGA-IGC Grant Portal. If you have a Google account, the progress in your application will automatically save for 30 days so you can work across devices or take a break without losing entered data. If you do not have a Google account or plan to take more than 30 days to complete your application, we recommend collecting all needed documents/information and entering your application in one session. **Please review the grant requirements and checklists in detail prior to submission.**

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Confirm that you are a CGA-IGC member in good standing. This will be verified before your application is reviewed.
- ☐ Available to attend the CGA-IGC award ceremony on November 1, 2026, and annual meeting, November 2-4, 2026, in Denver, Colorado.
- ☐ The proposed project and team are located in North, Central or South America.
- ☐ The proposed project is investigator-initiated.
- ☐ The proposed project is focused on hereditary gastrointestinal cancers.
- ☐ There is no award overlap: CGA does not provide duplicate funding (if part of a larger study, the budget explains how funds are not duplicated).
- ☐ Trainees are eligible if the application includes a letter of support from a mentor who will oversee the project.
- ☐ Members of the Grant Review Committee are not eligible to receive funds (but can serve as co-investigators or advisors).