



GEICO GRANTS FOR
TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
IN GYNAECOLOGICAL
TUMORS “ANDRÉS POVEDA”
2020



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GRUPO ESPAÑOL DE INVESTIGACIÓN EN CÁNCER DE OVARIO [SPANISH OVARIAN CANCER
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Introduction

In accordance with GEICO's strategic framework to promote the development of its own research projects and promote translational research in gynaecological tumours, and thanks to the unrestricted collaboration made by Clovis, we are hereby launching the **Call for proposals for the GEICO Grants for Translational Research "Andrés Poveda" 2020**. The objective is to fund original proposals for research projects that promote a better understanding of gynaecological tumours and advances in clinical practice.

Number of grants and award amount

3 grants will be awarded:

- 1 GEICO grant for translational research endowed with €50,000
- 2 GEICO grants for translational research endowed with €25,000

Requirements

- The principal investigator (PI) of the project, or the co-PI, must have been a GEICO member for at least one year prior to the date of the call for proposals.
- The PI must have a degree in Medicine and Surgery, Biology, Biochemistry, Pharmacy or another biotechnological or biomedical orientation degree.
- Candidates must be affiliated with a healthcare centre or health research foundation belonging to GEICO, by means of a valid contract covering the time of execution of the project.

Project conditions

- This award does not include funds for staffing.
- In the application letter, the PI must specify the award amount for which he/she is applying and adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- The award shall be used in full to cover the costs of fungible material. Alternatively, up to 25% of the total award may be allocated to other headings, such as: services, communication and publication of results, or inventoriable material.
- This award covers up to a maximum of 2% in indirect costs.
- Research projects must be original and have a 1-year duration, which, with justified cause, may be extended to 2 years. The potential extension will not involve any increase in the financial provision.
- Work must start at the time the award is granted.
- The objectives and impact must fall under the umbrella of translational research of ovarian cancer, and specifically with the biomarkers predicting response or benefit with PARP inhibitors.
- The awarded projects must be approved by the Ethics Committee of the site prior to the signing of the contract.
- The PIs of the projects awarded must be present at the awards ceremony during the GEICO Symposium, despite it being virtual.
- The selected projects will be considered GEICO studies, with their corresponding code. The PI must agree to include the GEICO code in conference communications and publications.

Incompatibility

- The Project may be co-financed by additional scholarships and/or grants, whether subsidised with public or private funds, provided that they are still considered GEICO studies. If the project already has previous financing in place, this must be clearly specified in the application letter. However, in that case, GEICO reserves the right to not grant the award if it considers that the project is already sufficiently subsidised.

- Each PI can only participate in one project.
- Only one grant per centre will be awarded.

Application Form

In addition to the application form (available at GEICO's website), applicants must submit the following documentation:

1. Scientific and technical proposal (maximum length 10 pages, font size 10 points, spacing 1 line) according to the model available at the GEICO's website that will include
 - a. Project dossier (maximum 9 pages) with the following sections:
 - i. Title
 - ii. Project summary (maximum 250 words)
 - iii. Background and current situational analysis
 - iv. Hypotheses and objectives of the project
 - v. Methodology
 - vi. Work plan
 - vii. Timeline
 - viii. Detailed justification of the funding requested and detailed budget
 - ix. References
 - b. Research group: Members, roles, experience in the last 5 years (maximum 1 page)
 - c. Description of the research site and available technical facilities (maximum 1 page)
 - d. Additional relevant information that the applicant may consider to include (maximum 1 page)
2. Photocopy of National ID card from the principal investigator
3. Curriculum of the principal investigator, and co-PI if applicable, in FECYT format (4 pages)
4. Authorisation of the site owner for the conduct of the research project.
5. Acceptance, by signature, of the terms and conditions by the management of the site where the research is to be conducted and by the PI.

Deadlines:

- The project submission deadline is 15 July.
- The review and consultation period will run from 15 to 25 July.
- Starting 26 July, candidates will be informed of the decision of the review, and the projects will be sent to the evaluators.
- In October, the 2020 GEICO translational research grants will be decided.
- During the GEICO Symposium (26 and 27 November 2020), the decision will be published, and the Grants will be awarded, with acknowledgement to the collaboration of Clovis Oncology.

Submission

Email to secretaria@grupogeico.org stating in the subject line: Candidature for *Beca GEICO de investigación traslacional "Andrés Poveda" 2020* [GEICO Grant For Translational Research "Andrés Poveda" 2020]. You can send your applications until July 15th at 23.59 h.

Evaluation and Jury

- The jury will be made up of a group of three evaluators per project: an external evaluator with expertise in the area proposed by the GEICO scientific committee and two evaluators belonging to the GEICO Board of Directors, who have no conflicts of interest in this call for proposals.
- The evaluation will be carried out taking into account the following aspects:
 - Quality of the scientific-technical report: (maximum 60 points)
 - Scientific quality and originality of the project. (maximum 20 points)

- Project methodology and development. (maximum 20 points)
- Clinical impact of the project and strategic aspects for GEICO. (maximum 20 points).
- Curricular aspects or merits of the candidate and research team: (maximum 40 points)
 - Scientific activity del IP, and the co-PI if applicable, in the last 5 years (articles in indexed journals and by impact factor, journal type, number of citations per article, h-index, etc.). (maximum 15 points)
 - Suitability of the research team for the proposed project (knowledge of the area and techniques proposed in the project). (maximum 10 points)
 - Competitive publicly- or privately-funded research projects awarded (maximum 10 points)
 - Proposals from emerging groups will be positively valued (maximum 5 points)

Award

- The decision of the Jury shall be transcribed into a record, and the decision shall be final.
- The outcome of all assessments will be public and communicated individually to the investigator applicants.
- The Jury may decide not to award the planned grants if it considers that the projects submitted do not represent the required level of rigor.

Reports and presentation

- The principal investigator must submit a final report prior to the publication of the data for its files using the form proposed by GEICO.
- A face-to-face presentation will be requested at the discretion of the jury when deemed necessary.

Publication

- The awarded projects will become GEICO projects, with the Group thus participating in the publications derived from them (appearance as part of the authors within the publication) and in subsequent stages of development.
- The beneficiaries must agree to present the data derived from the project at national or international congresses. They must also commit to trying to publish the findings of their analyses in high-impact biomedical journals.
- The publications or communications made must explicitly state the support received from the GEICO grant. Non-explicit mention may give rise to a claim by GEICO.
- The GEICO newsletter may publish or copy the results of the study.

Award amount

- The funds allocated will be €50,000 or €25,000 (gross amount before taxes).
- A single payment will be made once the awards are announced to the study site or the foundation that manages research resources.

Confidentiality

Jury members will keep the submitted applications confidential.

Characteristics of the aid and incompatibilities:

- Receiving and using this aid does not imply any employment relationship with GEICO.
- The application form should contain information on whether any other grants have been applied for or awarded, indicating their monetary value.

- During the effective term of the grant, the recipient may undertake other work or studies, provided that they do not interfere with his/her compliance with the obligations established by GEICO.

In accordance with the European Data Protection Regulation (Regulation EU 2016/679), we inform you that the personal data provided in this call for proposals will be processed by the Grupo de Investigación en Cáncer de Ovario on the basis of your consent and to respond to your application and send information of interest to you. Your personal data will be kept for as long as established by the legislation in force, will not be transferred to third parties, and no international data transfer is envisaged.

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You may also exercise your rights before the Spanish Data Protection Agency.