



Ketosteril® Research Award 2012

sponsored by Fresenius Kabi



The research grant is provided to investigators to support original work directly related to the field of the therapeutic relevance of keto/amino acids and/or protein restriction in the scope of chronic kidney disease (CKD).

At a glance

Eligibility:	New & Established Investigators
Amount of the grant:	€ 100,000
Duration of research:	2 years
Deadline:	December 31, 2011
Start date:	July 1, 2012

Description

The grant is offered to investigators to support clinical research projects in the area of nutritional therapy with focus on keto/amino acid metabolism and/or protein restriction in CKD. The grant is available for 2 years. By the end of the first year a progress report (interim analysis) has to be submitted before May 1st, 2013. On the basis of the report the committee will decide an extension of the grant into a second year. The committee reserves the right to terminate the grant if the grantee does not comply with the terms and/or purpose of the grant.

Objective

To provide a non-salary fund for new investigators to help them to establish their research careers or to support projects that represent new research directions for established investigators. The intent is to stimulate research of clinical relevance in the area of nutritional therapy in CKD by permitting investigators to obtain new data.

Eligibility

Investigators must possess medical doctor degree or comparable academic degree (e.g. nutritionist) and/or research work must be carried out over several years, convincingly documented by publications in recognized academic journals. Candidates may not hold awards on a similar topic from other agencies.

Award Overlap

If an award recipient receives notification of another award with overlapping scientific objectives, prior to the start date of the Ketosteril® Research Award, the applicant must choose between the two awards.

Requirements

- Language skills: investigators must have a good proven knowledge of English
- The grant must be used to support expenses that are **directly** related to the research project (e.g., equipment, analyses); it may not be used for other expenses which includes without limitation tuition, lab assistant pay, consultant fees, travel costs or personal expenses. If the research project involves the use of human volunteers, payment for volunteers would be accepted.
- Established investigators who are applying for this award to support a new initiative should state explicitly how the initiative is different from their previous line of research.
- Upon notification of receipt of this award, awardee must provide approval from the appropriate committee at your institution for use of human subjects. If approval is not necessary, awardee must provide explanation.



Review Process

All applications will be reviewed and ranked by a selection committee consisting of established investigators. Applicants hereby acknowledge that Fresenius Kabi is not subject to any confidentiality undertaking with regard to the information obtained in connection with the Ketosteril® Research Award.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be selected on the basis of novelty, clinical relevance, feasibility, environment and commitment of the institution.

Application

1. All applications will be examined for eligibility.
2. Applicants must use the official application form. The form must be signed by the principle investigator and an appropriate authority in the institution in which the work will be done.
3. The research plan should be divided into the following parts:
 - A: Clear study hypothesis**
 - B: Clinical significance and background** (literature review)
 - C: Preliminary studies**
 - D: Research design and methods** (detailed design, including primary and secondary endpoints, methods, techniques, power and sample size calculations in full (seeking for help from statisticians if needed), data analysis, feasibility of the research plan (e.g., patient recruitment in a reasonable time)
 - E: References**
 - F: 2-page maximum Curriculum Vitae** (incl. scientific publications, presentations and research)
4. Decisions will be based upon the quality of the submitted information.
5. The Ketosteril® Research Award recipient will be announced in late April, 2012 by mail and will be officially honoured with a ceremony at the XVI International Congress on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease, Hawaii, June, 2012.
6. In 2014 (at the XVII International Congress on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease) the results of the research project have to be presented.

Submission Instructions: Deadline: **December 31, 2011**

This is a firm deadline, no applications will be accepted after this date. The complete application will contain:

- i) Grant application form
- ii) Detailed research plan (application body A-F: total 10 pages)
- iii) Affirmative letter of ethical committee approval

Applications will be returned to the applicant if received without all applicable documents. The letter of ethical committee approval can be filed subsequently, however, if the grant is awarded, no funds will be sent until all approvals are provided.

All grant components must be submitted on A4 paper, with margins of at least 2 cm on all four sides. Use Arial, Times New Roman, or a similar style font in size 12. Be sure to utilize headings and formatting as needed, to improve clarity and readability.