

# What is the “Shire Supports Hypoparathyroidism Research” Global Grants Program?

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The “Shire Supports Hypoparathyroidism Research” global grants program is a research grant program focused on the support of independent, scientific research requests for the advancement of clinical and scientific research in the area of hypoparathyroidism.

The “Shire Supports Hypoparathyroidism Research” global grants program is a specific request for Investigator Initiated Research (IIR) submissions in the area of hypoparathyroidism. Shire’s existing grants program also remains in place for all other disease areas. Information pertaining to Shire’s standard grants programs can be found [here](#).

Shire will accept applications for this program September 15, 2016 – January 31, 2017.

## Who is Eligible to Submit a Request for a Grant?

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The “Shire Supports Hypoparathyroidism Research” global grants program is intended to provide support to external researchers who have the necessary scientific background and experience to appropriately conduct an independent scientific investigation. This program is a global program open to physicians and researchers interested in conducting their own research in areas related to hypoparathyroidism.

**Grants may be awarded for IIR studies with the following characteristics:**

- Clinical or preclinical (*e.g., in vitro, in vivo* animal) studies
- Interventional or Observational designs

Priority will be given to research proposals that will be conducted by individuals affiliated with academic or clinical institutions rather than independent researchers.

## What Type of Requests Will Be Considered?

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To be eligible for support the IIR submissions must be scientifically legitimate and intended to generate clinically or scientifically meaningful knowledge expanding the understanding of hypoparathyroidism.

**Grant support will be prioritized for those requests that address the following areas of interest:**

- *Studies examining the effects of treatment, including Vitamin D, Calcium, diuretics, and/or rhPTH (1-84) in post-surgical, autoimmune or genetic hypoparathyroidism patients on*
  - *Mineral homeostasis*
  - *Bone density/fragility*
  - *Kidney (including renal function, hypercalciuria, nephrocalcinosis)*
  - *Cardiac and vascular function*
  - *Brain*
- *Qualitative/quantitative management of symptoms of hypoparathyroidism, including:*
  - *Sleep Quality and Quantity*
  - *Cognitive and Executive Function Impairments*
- *Health economics, outcomes and epidemiology studies in patients treated with conventional therapy and/or rhPTH (1-84)*
- *In-vivo and in-vitro rhPTH[1-84] mechanism of action studies*

## How Will Grant Requests Be Evaluated?

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All grant applications should be submitted in English. Submission of a request does not guarantee support.

Grant applications will be accepted from September 15, 2016 – January 31, 2017.

Incomplete or improperly submitted applications will not be reviewed.

All eligible proposals submitted for this program will be reviewed by one or more cross-functional committees for their potential to improve clinical and scientific understanding of hypoparathyroidism in the specific areas of interest outlined above.

Upon completion of the review, the requestor will be notified by email of the committee's decision regarding their request. Decisions are anticipated to be communicated by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

A public announcement of all grant recipients will be made shortly thereafter in March of 2017.

## Program Rules

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As part of this program, the following rules apply to all applications received and grants awarded. Shire maintains the right to change the procedures at any time, without notice, in order to be compliant with applicable rules and regulations, company policies or industry codes.

1. Funding requests should be innovative, of sound scientific merit, and address an unmet need in hypoparathyroidism.
2. Funding requests must be submitted by the requesting individual or organization online to <https://ist.shiresupport.com>.
3. Funding requests must be in compliance with all applicable local codes, laws, and regulations in the country of the applicant.
4. Concept or Brief proposal request will not be included as part of this program. Submissions must be made in the form of a full proposal.
5. Requests will not be reviewed or approved if the activity underlying the request has already commenced.
6. Submission of a request does not automatically guarantee support.

7. Researchers must have the necessary scientific background and experience to conduct an independent scientific investigation for a specific research project.
8. Requestors to whom funds are granted must enter into a written agreement with Shire including certain obligations such as reporting, publication, IP rights, compliance and financial reconciliations.
9. All research grants awarded must be consistent with applicable rules and regulations, company policies and industry codes.
10. A requestor's status as prescriber or purchaser of Shire's products shall not be taken into account in the approval process; the requests shall be reviewed on the basis of scientific and clinical merit.
11. Generally, grants will be awarded to individuals affiliated with academic or clinical institutions rather than independent researchers; unaffiliated individuals may, however be eligible for certain types of grants.
12. Grant applicants may not be suspended or ineligible to participate in awarded research by the United States Office of the Inspector General or other global regulatory authorities.
13. Shire reserves the right to withdraw all or part of a research grant if the project is not abiding by the contract established and signed by both parties.
14. Shire reserves the right to publish or otherwise disclose the details of any support provided by Shire, including but not limited to the name of organizations and investigators receiving funds, receiving funds, amount of funding and purpose of the award.

If you have any questions regarding the program rules or eligibility, please contact us at [shiresupportIST@shire.com](mailto:shiresupportIST@shire.com).

## How Can I Apply?

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Those interested in taking part in the “Shire Supports Hypoparathyroidism Research” global grants program should review the **Program Rules** above to first determine eligibility and to understand the entire review process.

Submissions can be made by the requesting individual or organization online at <https://ist.shiresupport.com>

Submissions made via mail, email, facsimile or alternative methods will be returned without review.