

Hawai'i Community Foundation



MEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

APPLICANT GUIDE

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REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Access the [Grants Portal](#).
2. If you are a returning user, proceed to Login. If you are a new user, click “Register.”
3. Select the registration option “Principal Investigators applying to Medical Research Funds.”
4. Enter all of the applicable contact information and click “Submit.”

Contact Information

 **Instructions**
Required fields are marked with an asterisk "*".

* **First Name**

* **Last Name**

* **Title**

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* **Email**

5. You will receive a verification email with the subject line “New User Information.” Click the “Set Password” link within the first 24 hours of creating the account. If that time frame has passed, use the “Forgot Password” link on the main login page.
6. After you set your password, you will be directed to the landing page of the Grants Portal.

GRANTS PORTAL

This is your Grants Portal, where you can access active Medical Research grants, post reports, update your profile, submit applications for open Medical Research grant rounds, and view previous applications that you have submitted. Please note, as of 1/18/2022, as HCF continues to make its transition to the new Grants Portal, you may not see your current active grants with HCF. These will be imported once we complete the transition later in 2022.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the Hawaii Community Foundation logo, "Home", "My Reviews", "Applicant Resources", a notification bell, and a user profile icon. Below this is a large grey banner with the text "Welcome to the Hawaii Community Foundation". Underneath the banner are three main navigation options: "My Profile" (with a person icon), "Frequently Asked Questions" (with a question mark icon), and "1 Open Funding Opportunities" (with a megaphone icon). Below the banner is the "Applicant Portal" section, which includes "2 Grant Activities" (with a calendar icon) and "Payments" (with a document icon). The "My Application Tracker" section shows a progress bar with four categories: "IN PROGRESS (2)", "SUBMITTED (2)", "ACTIVE GRANTS (4)", and "HISTORICAL GRANTS (1)". Below the progress bar is a table header with columns: "Application Name", "Project Title", "Organization", "Applicant", "Status", "Created Date", and "Amount Requested". The table is currently empty, and the page number "1-2 of 2" is visible in the top right corner of the table area.

SHORTCUTS

My Profile

View and edit your personal contact information.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Find answers to your most frequently asked questions about the portal and grant application process. If you have specific questions about the Medical Research grant program, please contact Nanda Freeman, Sr. Program Associate, or Tricia Mabellos, Program Officer.

Open Funding Opportunities

View all of the available funding opportunities.

APPLICANT PORTAL TILES

Grant Activities

View a list of scheduled reports or conditions for payment release related to your grants. You may submit grant activities through your Grants Portal unless your Research Institute is submitting on your behalf. If you have trouble submitting documents, please send them to Nanda Freeman at nfreeman@hcf-hawaii.org and include your application ID number.

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Payments

View a list of scheduled payments.

My Application Tracker

- **In Progress:** Applications that have been started, but not submitted. This list may also include applications that have been previously submitted and have been returned to the applicant with a request for additional information.
- **Submitted:** Applications that have been submitted. Once an application has been submitted, the applicant will no longer be able to make changes to the application.
- **Active Grants:** Applications that have been approved and awarded a grant. Please note, as of 1/18/2022, as HCF continues to make its transition to the new Grants Portal, you may not see your current active grants with HCF. These will be imported once we complete the transition later in 2022. If you need to request changes to any active grants that do not currently appear in your Applicant Portal, please contact the staff on your original Grant Award Letter.
- **Historical Grants:** Grants that have been closed and declined applications You will be able to access award or denial letters through the Active Grants or Historical Grants tabs in the portal.

Top Right Navigation

- **Home:** Click here to return to the Grants Portal landing page
- **Applicant Resources:** Click here to access additional resources if referenced in Funding Opportunity guidelines
- **Notifications (Bell Icon):** Click here to see notifications related to your account
- **Account Settings (Circle Icon):** Click here to update your profile or password

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

1. Log in to the [Grant Portal](#).
2. Click “Open Funding Opportunities”
3. Find the applicable RFP in the list and click “View” to view the guidelines, then click “Apply” to start your application.

The screenshot shows a funding opportunity page for "Medical Research 2022". The page has a blue header with "Funding Opportunity" and "Description" tabs. The main content area contains the following text:

The Hawai'i Community Foundation's (HCF) Medical Research program makes grants annually to support basic and clinical research conducted in Hawai'i. The overall goal of the program is to support a robust local medical research community that benefits the people of Hawai'i. In 2021, funds will be awarded through one grantmaking round. Award recommendations are made by the Medical Research Advisory Committee (MRAC).

The Medical Research program is supported by several funders including: the George F. Straub Trust, the Victoria S. and Bradley L. Geist Foundation, and multiple funds at the Hawai'i Community Foundation.

The following are the program's areas of focus:

- Clinical/basic research – Alzheimer's disease, mental or physical diseases related to old age
- Clinical/basic research – cancer, heart disease, or lung disease
- Clinical/basic research – general
- Clinical/basic research – immunology, genetics, or the medicinal uses of Hawaiian plants
- Clinical/basic research – prevent blindness, with particular emphasis on macular degeneration
- Clinical/basic research – type I diabetes (juvenile diabetes)

Grants in these areas are up to \$60,000.

- Research infrastructure – The focus of this priority area is to support organizational and/or systems change in Hawai'i to increase research capacity. Projects can support organizational change, support new or existing research collection and database systems, or assist with inter-organizational collaborative efforts. This priority area is not intended to support a specific research project or purchase equipment for a research project/department.

Grants in this area are up to \$25,000.

On the right side of the page, there is a "Deadline" of 11/30/2021 06:00 AM and two buttons: "View" and "Apply".

4. Review the notes and instructions and click “Begin Application.”
5. Fill in the required fields and click the “Next” button on the bottom right, or click on the subsequent tabs to complete the application.

The screenshot shows the application form with the "PROGRAM OVERVIEW" tab selected. The form contains the following fields:

- * Program Title:
- * Duration (in months):
- * Area of Interest: Select the broad area of interest that best fits your program.
--Select One--
- * Program Location: Select your program location(s).
 Hawaii Island Maui
 Kohoolawe Molokai
 Kauai Niihau
 Lanai Oahu
- * Age: Select the age group that your program primarily serves.
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At the bottom of the form, there are three buttons: "Withdraw", "Save Draft", and "Submit". A yellow "NEXT >" button is also visible on the right side.

6. After completing the information in all four tabs and uploading the required documents, click "Submit."
7. If any required fields have not been completed, you will receive an error notification. You can click any error in the notification box to be directed to the specific field to complete.

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 Submission failed due to the following:

- Program Title cannot be empty.
- Invalid numeric input of Duration (in months)
- Area of Interest cannot be empty.
- Program Location cannot be empty.
- Age cannot be empty.

8. Upon completion, you will receive an email indicating that your submission is complete. If any further follow up is needed, you will receive emails from the Grants Portal. Please make sure that you mark any emails from donotreply@hawaiiicf.com as safe so that they do not go into your spam box. You can access all submitted applications in the My Application Tracker of your home page.