

**Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund
Fellowship Program
Frequently Asked Questions
(Updated 10/13/09)**

- 1. Must I register with TEDCO Funds for every new proposal and/or RFP that I wish to submit a proposal for?**
 - A given individual should only register once to be eligible to apply for any RFP for which their institution (university or company) is eligible. Re-registration with TEDCO Funds leads to multiple applications under a single PI or confusion as to which version of a PI is associated with each proposal.

- 2. How do I register for TEDCO Funds?**
 - Go to <http://www.tedcofunds.org/Portal.asp> and click on %Create a new user account+. link in the column on the left (the second item listed). This will allow you to populate your contact information in our system and request a user id and password. The TEDCO Staff will respond to your request within 1 working day.

- 3. How do I apply?**
 - Click on %[TEDCO Funds Quick Application Checklist](#)+and read the User Manual for Stem Cells and then go to <http://www.tedcofunds.org/Portal.asp> login and start a new application according to the instructions.

- 4. How do I submit a Letter of Intent?**
 - Letters of Intent were due November 12, 2009. If you did not submit a letter of intent by the deadline you are NOT eligible to submit a proposal for funding under either RFA. The purpose of letters of intent is to assemble an appropriate Scientific Review Committee so letters of intent will still be accepted and are encouraged but not required.

 - To submit a letter of intent go to <http://www.tedcofunds.org> and click on %**Send Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund Letter of Intent**+on the left side corner of the page. From there, you will be directed to a new email message. Attach the Letter of Intent to the email and press send.

- 5. How do I apply?**
 - Application should be submitted through TEDCO Funds system.

- 6. Do the annual maximum grant limitations of \$55,000 for include indirect costs?**
 - The annual limits of \$55,000 for Fellowship Grants and include all indirect costs Facilities and Administrative costs.

- 7. Are grants examining disease models in animal models (e.g., mice) along with human experiments allowed for this funding mechanism?**
 - Grant proposals to the MSCRF must involve work on human stem cells. Tasks in support of a project exploring human stem cells may involve any scientifically appropriate tasks, including work on animal models.

- 8. Must I register with TEDCO Funds for to submit a fellowship application?**
 - Yes (see question 1).

- 9. Will I need an IRB Human Research and/or an IACUC Vertebrate Animal Assurances exemption/approval?**
 - Yes, but those can be submitted after the fellowship is approved.

10. Should the attachments be in PDF or Word?

- Please submit all attachments in a PDF format.

11. Does the list of cited references to the application text have to fit within the 2 page text?

- Yes.

12. Who should the letter of institutional support come from? Page limits and any specific institutional support issues to address?

- Letter of institutional support should come from the Department of research administration at your institute. The letter should be no more than one page and acknowledge that the applicant is either currently working or will be working at the institute/company for the period of the fellowship.

13. Can I apply to the Fellowship Grant Program if I am currently supported by another grant?

- You would need two conditions: the first is that at the starting date of the Maryland Fellowship Grant starting date you will not be supported by another program. And two, that the Institute support letter will approve your starting date.

14. Does the postdoctoral fellow application have any requirement about the applicant's citizenship?

- No, Applicants do not have to be citizens to apply.

15. If a post-doc write an application, have it funded, and leaves the lab, Can the PI identify a replacement for the post-doc, can the PI keep the grant?

- No, the applications and awards are person specific.