



## FERRING COVID-19 INVESTIGATIONAL GRANTS in Reproductive Medicine and Maternal Health

Welcome to the Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grants  
Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grants will be awarded within 14 days of receipt from  
15<sup>th</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

### **Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grants in Reproductive Medicine and Maternal Health Overview:**

#### **What is of Interest to Ferring**

Ferring is interested in funding exploratory, basic, and clinical research grants to collect data and expand knowledge about the effects on SARS-CoV-2 on reproduction, pregnancy, and foetal/neonatal health.

The Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grants in Reproductive Medicine and Maternal Health (RMMH) are designed to provide funding to gather data related to IVF programmes during the COVID-19 pandemic including but not limited to:

- Follow-up data on infected pregnant patients at different gestational stages, including spontaneous pregnancies.
- Data on the outcome of ongoing fertility care.
- Data on gametes/embryos, fresh or frozen, from patients exposed to SARS-CoV-2.
- Other information related to fertility outcomes.

The Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grants are awarded a single time and are not renewable.

#### **Available Funding**

The programme will provide a limited number of research grants up to EUR 25,000 for each application.

#### **Intellectual Property and License to Data and Results**

Ferring does not intend to claim ownership to data or intellectual property generated from these grants. Ownership is assumed by the grant applicant and may be subject to the policies of the grant recipient's institution. Ferring will be and is hereby granted a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, right and license (with the right to sublicense) to access, refer to, and otherwise use the anonymized research data, information, and other

results, including intellectual property generated as part of the research project for any purposes.

## **Application Process and Requirements:**

### **Application Process**

- Applicants are required to submit a full proposal application (see below).
- Applicants will receive a confirmation email notification after submitting a completed application.
- Requests for clarification, additional information or modification will be sent to the applicant via email.
- Ferring will give careful consideration to all eligible requests based on relevance to our guidelines, merit, and available resources.
- Previous funding is not an indicator of future support.
- Applicants will be notified via email within 14 days of submission regarding the outcome of their application.
- Successful applicants will receive a confirmation of the grant amount.
- Ferring will expect a report on the findings and / or a submission of the research findings to a reputational scientific journal. Publications must mention the financial support provided by Ferring to the project.

### **Application Requirements**

The application process has been designed for ease of use and requires the following information:

- Investigator name, title and affiliation.
- Title (max. 20 words): The title should contain sufficient information to enable the reviewer to clearly recognize the COVID-19 related effect on reproductive medicine and maternal health.
- Brief overview of project (max. 200 words): In this section please provide the background supporting the scientific hypothesis.
- Scientific rationale and aims of the project (max. 500 words): In this section please provide the scientific rationale for your hypothesis and 2-3 specific aims proposed to test the hypothesis.
- The grant covers a workplan that is expected to be completed within 12 months.
- Amount of funding requested.
- Upload a current résumé.
- Information provided in the application must be non-confidential in nature.

## Reports

Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grant recipients will be required to provide a report on the findings and/or a manuscript for publication. A progress statement will be required every 6 months. Grant recipients shall not under any circumstances provide Ferring with any kind of personal data related to any study subjects in the research projects. Only fully anonymised data can be shared with Ferring. Grant recipients shall comply with all applicable legal requirements related to study subject privacy and personal data.

## Change in Scope

Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grant recipients will be required to notify Ferring of any changes that may impact their ability to perform the work outlined in their proposal. For example: change in institution of employment, change in their employment status, or unforeseen technical difficulties. In such events Ferring may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grant, continue the grant with a new recipient, or transfer any remaining funding to another recipient, individual, or entity.

## Important Information Relating to the Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grants Process

- Support is based on individual merit relative to other grant requests in accordance with established guidelines and policies and will not be provided to induce the provision of services or promote, sell, or prescribe a Ferring product.
- Ferring is unable to provide support for every request and may not be able to fund the entire requested amount.
- Please do not submit requests for exhibit/display booths, charitable contributions, promotional programmes, membership fees, sponsorships, social events / entertainment, medical missions, ads, medication, equipment, tuition, or for non-faculty personnel or individual attendee expenses.

Ferring's support may never be made with the intent to, directly or indirectly, implicitly or explicitly, influence recipients to prescribe, purchase, recommend, sell or arrange for, or recommend the prescribing, purchasing or sale of any Ferring product or as a reward for any such past behaviour.

## Financial Disclosure

In keeping with transparency compliance rules, Ferring will disclose annually all payments made under the Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grants. Grant recipients agree to

cooperate with Ferring and to provide Ferring with the information required in order for Ferring to comply with disclosure requirements associated with the grant.

### Data Privacy

Ferring COVID-19 Investigational Grant recipients understand and agree that their personal data, including names, addresses and e-mails, phone numbers, places of employment, titles and resumes, bank accounts and other financial information will be stored and processed by Ferring and Ferring's affiliates for the following purposes: to conduct its business operations, to meet its statutory and voluntary obligations under law and industry codes, and for the performance of the grant. Such personal data may be made available to government authorities in jurisdictions around the world and may be transmitted to countries around the world, including to countries whose data protection laws do not provide the same level of protection as that where they are located. Ferring will maintain appropriate technical and organisational security and safeguards to protect the collected personal data from any unauthorised access, corruption, misuse, destruction or unintended disclosure. Grant recipients may request access, amendment, blocking, or deletion of their personal data by Ferring and Ferring's affiliates in accordance with applicable law.

Once the grant application process is finalised and the decision about grants have been made and communicated to grant applicants, personal data on those grant applicants that do not receive an award letter will be deleted. Personal data collected on grant applicants that are awarded will be stored for the duration of the project and for no more than 10 years after its termination or expiration. After such period, Ferring will only continue to store the personal data to the extent that this is required according to legal obligations, if needed to document legal obligations or rights in connection with legal proceedings or if Ferring can demonstrate other legitimate interest in the continued processing of such personal data, in which case grant applicants will be notified of such reasons.

Reports of data incidents or suspected personal data breaches, submission of a request to exercise rights as a data subject, or contact to the Global Data Protection Officer with a general enquiry, can be done by utilising the Data Subject Contact Form ([https://ferring.ethicspoint.eu/custom/ferring/forms/data/form\\_data.asp](https://ferring.ethicspoint.eu/custom/ferring/forms/data/form_data.asp)). Alternatively, a mail to: "Att.: Data Protection Officer Ferring International Center S.A. (FICSA), Chemin De la Vergognausaz 50, 1162, St Prex, Switzerland" or, at the EU Representative for GDPR, "(Att.: Data Protection Officer) Ferring International PharmaScience Center (IPC), Kay Fiskers Plads 11, 2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark.