



The Grant Summit Program (GSP) was created to increase support for UW–Madison vision research by facilitating successful resubmissions of federal grant applications by McPherson ERI investigators.

### **Eligibility and Requirements:**

1. Applications will be accepted from McPherson Eye Research Institute members at UW–Madison.
2. Applicants must be faculty or permanent principal investigators engaged in vision-related research.
3. Federal grants (that provide indirects) only.
4. Grants must pertain to vision-related research.
5. \$10,000 funding limit.
6. Grant resubmission within one year (delay in resubmission past one year without approval may result in future GSP applications being ineligible).
7. Awardees must expend all funds within one year of issuance.

### Examples of supportable activities (not exhaustive):

- Costs to complete experiments or obtain equipment/tools, add research subjects, etc.
- Travel and lodging to visit or host new or existing grant collaborators.
- Grant writing expertise/review.

The applicant is welcome to discuss her or his proposal with GSP committee members, but this is not a requirement. Decisions pertaining to funding will be made by majority vote of the GSP committee, comprised of representatives from the McPherson ERI Leadership and Research Committees. (Contact McPherson ERI staff for further information: [dgamm@wisc.edu](mailto:dgamm@wisc.edu), [eliceiri@wisc.edu](mailto:eliceiri@wisc.edu), [chris.lacey@wisc.edu](mailto:chris.lacey@wisc.edu))

### **Award restrictions:**

A GSP award is non-transferable. Funding is available for use over a one-year period; thereafter, unused funds will be returned to the Institute (award extensions will not be granted).

### **Expectations:**

Awardees will be expected to present data obtained with support from the GSP within 1–2 years at a McPherson ERI-sponsored event such as the monthly seminar series or MERI-At-A-Glance. In addition, acknowledgement of McPherson ERI GSP funding on presentations and/or publications (as appropriate) is appreciated.

### **Proposal review:**

1. GSP proposals will be reviewed by the McPherson ERI GSP Committee.
2. Decisions will be made on a rolling basis with no internal deadlines or pre-determined grant quotas.
3. All UW–Madison McPherson ERI members possess equal eligibility.

**Application format:**

1. Complete the application on the provided fillable form using single-spaced text and Arial font no smaller than 11 point. The form must be signed by the principal investigator.
2. The form includes the following sections:
  - A. A brief explanation of how the funding will improve the revised proposal (500 words or less).
  - B. A brief comment on the proximity of the applicant's grant score to historical pay-lines and/or other insights regarding the likelihood of successful resubmission (1-3 sentences).
  - C. A brief explanation of how the grant pertains to vision-related research.
  - D. A targeted, fit-for-purpose budget request (up to \$10,000) along with a brief explanation of how the requested funding will improve the revised proposal (250 words or less).
3. Include the grant score/summary sheet.

**Submission deadline:** Submissions are accepted for this program year-round. Submit grant applications to Chris Lacey: [chris.lacey@wisc.edu](mailto:chris.lacey@wisc.edu)



<b>Applicant Name:</b>
<b>UW–Madison Department:</b>
<b>Applicant Email:</b>
<b>Applicant Phone:</b>

<b>Federal Granting Agency and Study Section:</b>
<b>Co-Principal Investigator Name(s):</b>
<b>Project Title:</b>

**Brief explanation of how requested funding will improve the revised proposal (500 words or less):**

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**Brief comment on proximity of applicant’s grant score to historical pay-lines and/or other insights regarding the likelihood of successful resubmission (1 – 3 sentences):**

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**Brief comment on how grant pertains to vision-related research (250 words or less):**

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**Brief budget statement (250 words or fewer):** How will funds be used for this resubmission?

**Signature of**

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist:**

- Completed application signed by principal investigator
- Copy of grant score/summary sheet
- Applicants NIH-style biosketch