



Vision Grant 2026 Application Instructions (Online Submission)

Follow these instructions to organize your application for a **Preeclampsia Foundation Vision Grant**.

- Familiarize yourself with the online submission pages and prepare necessary supporting documents in good time. Ensure that your institution's signing officials can access and sign off on your proposal by the submission deadline of **5/27/2026 11:59:00 PM** (U.S. Eastern Time).
- Prepare attachments as one-sided pages, single-spaced. Use of a black, 12-point font and narrow (0.5 inch) margins for documents to be uploaded as PDFs is recommended.
- Where necessary, respond to questions using the boxes and drop-down options as provided. Additional guidance is provided throughout, and applicants are free to use the online support provided through the Proposal Central website. It is ***strongly recommended*** that applicants access the Proposal Central portal using Chrome or Mozilla/FireFox browsers. New users will be required to create an account. To start a new application, click the link below:
 - Create a login at <https://proposalcentral.com/GrantOpportunities.asp?GMID=357>.
 - After logging in, identify the correct program and click "Check Eligibility" to confirm eligibility and begin a new application.
 - You may save your application to complete later. When you return to Proposal Central, select the "Proposals" tab at the top to navigate to your applications. You can filter your application based on Proposal Status in the upper right-hand corner. Select "In Progress" to return to your existing applications.
 - Once completed, select "Submit". Within ten minutes, you will receive a confirmation email. If the application deadline has not passed, you may unsubmit your application to make changes by clicking the "Unsubmit" on the "Proposals" tab.
- Please email VisionGrants@preeclampsia.org if you have questions regarding project scope or suitability.
- Use of an ORCID identifier is required for applicants. Registration is free at <https://orcid.org> and will facilitate completion of online submission.

About the Preeclampsia Foundation and the Vision Grant Awards

Since its inception, the Preeclampsia Foundation's Vision Grant annual program has invested more than a half million dollars in novel research – ranging from molecular biology and immunology to potential therapies, with the goal of supporting new, potentially groundbreaking concepts. These results have, in turn, generated additional funding, earned scientific presentations at major conferences, and inspired young investigators to challenge a medical conundrum that has baffled the medical community for more than 2,400 years. Since 2016, the Preeclampsia Foundation Canada's Vision Grant annual program has invested more than \$230,000 CAD in novel research with the goal of supporting new, potentially groundbreaking concepts and similarly supporting investigators early in their careers.

The **Preeclampsia Foundation** is a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2000 to improve the outcomes of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy by educating, supporting, and engaging the community, improving healthcare practices, and accelerating research. We envision a world where preeclampsia and related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy no longer threaten the lives of mothers and their babies. For more information, visit www.preeclampsia.org.

Preeclampsia Foundation Canada is incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act since May 2015. As an affiliate of the U.S.-based Preeclampsia Foundation, its mission is to raise awareness and advance education and research of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. For more information, visit www.preeclampsiacanada.ca.

The **Doane Grant Thornton Foundation** was established to help Doane Grant Thornton organize the collective efforts and significant contributions of their people across Canada, providing additional financial support for local, national, and international causes that resonate with their employees.

The **Cara HELLPs research fund** was created in honor of Cara Kernohan, who at 29 years old, lost her life tragically and suddenly to HELLP syndrome at 35 weeks.

Grant descriptions and submission criteria:

Vision Grants provide initial funding for novel, innovative research led by promising young investigators. Only post-doctoral, Clinical Fellows, or Early-Stage Investigators are eligible to apply. All application submissions must be in English. Additional criteria specific for 2026 grant awards are as follows:

- **Preeclampsia Foundation Vision Grant** (up to \$20,000 USD). Will support research to study preeclampsia and related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy with a special focus on health inequities in the United States. Proposed health equity projects will work to better understand and improve outcomes for *Black, Indigenous, and other underserved communities*, and will incorporate identified patient enrollment into The Preeclampsia Registry (TPR) and/or use of existing or new TPR data into their study design. International applicants eligible.
- **Maya B. Dash Vision Grant** with funding from the Doane Grant Thornton Foundation (up to \$20,000 CAD). This will support research to study preeclampsia and related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy with a special focus on health inequities in Canada. Proposed health equity projects will work to better understand how preeclampsia uniquely affects Black Canadian populations and identify and address barriers to improve preeclampsia outcomes for *Black Canadians*. Only post-doctoral, Clinical Fellows, or Early-Stage Investigators *based in Canada* are eligible to apply. *Preeclampsia Foundation Canada*
- **Cara HELLPs Vision Grant** with funding from the Cara HELLPs research fund (up to \$25,000 CAD). This will support research specifically focused on HELLP syndrome. International applicants are eligible. *Preeclampsia Foundation Canada*

The following instructions serve as a detailed outline for the materials to be submitted via Proposal Central (<https://proposalcentral.com>). Only proposals received through this portal by the deadline will be reviewed. Pay close attention to the *specific criteria associated with the different Vision Grants available*, applications that are a poor match will be returned without further consideration for funding.

Section 1: Title Page

Enter project title, select award(s) for which you are eligible, indicate the total budget you are requesting and identify your investigator category. Please use the provided menu to indicate the amount of time you have available to complete the proposed work (% effort).

Section 2: Download Instructions

Download instructions and follow formatting guidelines: 12-pt font, single spaced, 0.5 inch margins.

Section 3: Enable Other Users

Grant access to collaborators if needed. This will also facilitate access for signing officials.

Section 4: Applicant/PI

Enter applicant details and confirm eligibility.

Section 5: Institution Contacts

Provide institutional contact information.

Section 6: Mentor/Sponsor

Post-doctoral and clinical fellows *must* identify a PRIMARY mentor who will oversee their proposed research. This mentor should provide a one-page letter of support outlining their anticipated contribution to the applicant's success, in addition to their Biosketch/CV.

Early Stage Investigator (ESI) applicants are not required to identify a mentor although they are welcome to do so. An ESI is an applicant who has completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 10 years and who has not previously competed successfully as Project Director/Principal Investigator for a substantial (>\$25,000 USD equivalent) research award. A letter from their division/department head (sponsor) indicating the institutional support available to the applicant *is required* (see attachments; section 13). Co-investigators should also be identified in this section and provide a one-page letter of support that describes their role (see attachments; section 13).

Section 7: Abstract

Provide both a non-technical and technical abstract (600 characters).

Section 8: Budget Detail

Please prepare a budget for the proposed work. While the grant may be used to support research personnel where appropriate, funds may not be used to support salaries of the principal investigator. Due to the small size of the Grant, travel cannot be funded. No part of the Grant may cover institutional overhead or other indirect costs, nor should the recipient be obligated or penalized to pay by substitution such indirect costs by any other means.

If this Grant is to be used to collect preliminary data for a larger project, please outline the budget for the entire project.

If your application proposes to use data accessible via [The Preeclampsia Registry™](#) the following budget considerations apply and should be addressed as a defined line item in your proposed budget:

- \$500 service fee applies to all projects
- Cost recovery fees will be *waived* for projects designed to use existing de-identified data in the Registry (Level 2 data)
- Standard cost recovery and development fees will be applied for projects designed to collect new data from Registry participants (Level 3+ data) (email Registry@preeclampsia.org for rate schedule)
- IRB fees, if any, are the responsibility of the applicant

Section 9: Budget Summary

Use the box provided to provide a brief justification of proposed budget.

Section 10: Other Support

List all active and pending funding.

Section 11: Organization Assurances

Biohazard, Animal Care and Use, and Human Subject Research authorizations must be approved by the researcher's institution prior to the start of funding. The Preeclampsia Foundation uses a “just in time” approach. Consequently, if you are in the process of seeking approvals, these do not need to be in place at the time of submission but will need to have been approved prior to receipt of funds if a grant is awarded.

- Biohazards statement. Projects that do not involve biohazards must state as such.
- Human investigation statement. Projects that do not involve human materials/subjects must state as such.
- Laboratory animals' statement. Projects that do not involve laboratory animals must state as such.

If already secured, please attach copies of all relevant institutional reviews/approvals.

Section 12: Publications

List applicant publications that are relevant to the proposal. Peer-reviewed conference proceedings and published abstracts can also be included. Provide DOI or link when available.

Section 13: Attachments

Please upload the following documents as individual PDF(s):

1. Applicant's Curriculum Vitae or Biosketch/CV. This should include their ORCID unique identifier (Registration is free at <https://orcid.org>).
2. Mentor's Curriculum Vitae in NIH Biosketch format (if necessary). The NIH recently implemented a revised format (NOT-OD-15-032). The funders will accept Biosketches in either 'old' or 'new' format.
3. Research Plan (not to exceed **6 pages** including tables and figures). This should include the following:
 - Specific aims
 - Background
 - Significance of the project to the intended grant goals
 - Approach
 - Facilities available to you for successful completion of the proposed project

4. Bibliography (no page limit)
5. Letter to Patient

Letter to a patient – As a patient advocacy organization, we are committed to advancing preeclampsia research that is meaningful and understandable to the people it ultimately serves. Please write a brief letter addressed to a woman, or to the family of a woman, who has experienced preeclampsia or its complications. The purpose of this letter is to explain your project in clear, accessible language and to show why it matters from a patient’s point of view.

You may draw inspiration from patient [stories](#) to better understand the real-world challenges patients face. In your letter, describe how funding your project could lead to improvements in diagnosis, treatment, prevention, or improved overall patient experience.

When ready, click the Browse button in the section directly below, and select the appropriate file to attach. Human subject, vertebrate, or biohazards assurances have been uploaded on the assurances page.

Section 14: PI Data Sheet

Section 15: Validate

Check application completeness.

Section 16: Signature Pages

Include required signatures.

Section 17: Submit

Submit via ProposalCentral by deadline.