

Ferring Educational Grant Submission Guidelines

WHAT WE SUPPORT

Ferring is committed to supporting independent educational programs and activities that contribute to the improvement of patient care in disease states in which we focus. Examples of programs we support include:

- Continuing education for healthcare professionals, including medical students, residents and fellows
- Research awards and fellowship programs
- Educational activities at medical and scientific congresses
- Educational events sponsored by medical organizations or associations within Ferring's therapeutic areas

At this time, Ferring is considering funding related to the following therapeutic areas:

- Endocrinology – Mechanisms of action and/or disease state management related to Growth Hormone Deficiency; treatment and management in the pediatric population
- Infertility – Gonadotropin/progesterone treatments and infertility management
- Urology – Hormone-sensitive prostate cancer and androgen deprivation therapy
- Gastroenterology – Bowel cleansing prior to colonoscopy and detection of gastrointestinal disorders
- Orthopedics – Osteoarthritis and viscosupplementation
- Women's Health – Methods of labor induction and safety and efficacy of labor-inducing agents

ELIGIBILITY

Organizations and institutions may submit unsolicited requests for funding to support healthcare-related educational activities to improve patient care based on educational needs aligned with Ferring strategies and therapeutic focus.

Ineligible for Consideration:

- Promotional exhibits or display space
- Research studies, including Clinical Trials and IITs
- Charitable donations
- Promotional or commercial marketing programs or advertisements
- Corporate sponsorships or membership fees
- Medications
- Travel, lodging, honoraria, registration, compensation or individual expenses for attendees
- Service contracts
- Religious programs or medical missions to foreign countries
- Entertainment, sporting or social events (class reunions, retirement dinners, etc.)
- General capital or operating expenses (office equipment, staff, etc.)
- Textbooks or journal subscriptions

- Website development not associated with accredited educational programs
- Mass media production not associated with educational content
- Programs being held outside of the United States
- Programs that have already occurred or previously declined by Ferring
- Grants intended for the purpose of supporting off-label promotion of any Ferring product

Individual healthcare professionals or private practices, debarred institutions or groups and CME/CE providers on probation by ACCME (or similar accrediting body) are not eligible to receive educational grants.

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 behavior.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Applicants interested in Ferring's Educational Grant program must submit an online application outlining their education project and request for support. Submission of the application is made via an electronic internet-based tool. The online application requires applicants to provide detailed information describing program or activity for which funding is being requested.

[HTTPS://FERRING.ENVISIONPHARMA.COM/VT_FERRING/](https://ferring.envisionpharma.com/vt_ferring/)

General Information

- Applications must be submitted at least 45 days before the scheduled program start date
- Applicants will receive a confirmation email notification after submitting a completed application
- Once submitted, an application cannot be modified unless requested by Ferring
- Requests for clarification, additional information or modification will be sent to the applicant via email
- Requests are reviewed by the Ferring Grants Review Committee (FGRC), a multidisciplinary committee which may include Medical Affairs, Compliance and Legal
- Ferring will give careful consideration to all eligible requests based on relevance to our guidelines, merit and available resources
- Ferring is unable to provide support for every request and may not be able to fund the entire requested amount
- Previous funding is not an indicator of future support
- Ferring will inform you of our decision via email
- Medical Affairs is the only department that may engage in discussion with applicants; additional questions regarding an application must be directed to US1GRANTSANDIIT@FERRING.COM

Budget Guidelines

Grant requests must be limited to a reasonable estimate of the cost of the grant-funded activities. Listed below are expenses Ferring shall not support in educational grants.

- Meals and lavish venues

- Travel, lodging, honoraria, registration, compensation or individual expenses for attendees
- Entertainment
- Contingency/unspecified expense line items
- Gifts
- Other costs that are neither reasonable nor customary

Requirements

Applicants must provide the following information when applying:

- General Information
 - Applicant organization details
 - Payee information: Must match name on W-9
- Program Details
- Activity Details
 - Activity information: Live activity or enduring materials
 - Venue information: Required for live activities
- Program Budget
 - Total program budget
 - Request for support
 - Preference is given to multi-supported programs
- Attachments
 - Request on letterhead
 - Program agenda/overview/brochure
 - Payee W-9
 - Certificate of accreditation: For accredited programs ONLY
 - Itemized budget of Ferring support

CHANGE IN SCOPE

If your program has a change of scope, it must be reviewed and approved by Ferring. Please email the following items to US1GRANTSANDIIT@FERRING.COM

- Reason for the change of scope
- Changes to the scope of activity including learning objectives
- Revised/updated program budget

RECONCILIATION/CLOSE-OUT

Within 60 days of the conclusion of the activity, recipients of educational grants must provide Ferring with an itemized budget reconciliation reflecting expenditure of Ferring funds within the online system. The organization is also responsible for submitting outcomes information assessing changes in physician practice patterns including behavior, competence, performance and/or knowledge, and to identify and address future educational needs. Failure to submit this information will affect the consideration of future requests received from the organization. Any unused funds must be returned to Ferring.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued its final rule to implement the Federal Physician Payments Sunshine Act (Open Payments). The Sunshine Act requires pharmaceutical and device manufacturers to annually report certain payments or other transfers of value made to "Covered Recipients," including US-licensed physicians and teaching hospitals. The Sunshine Act promotes transparency by requiring the disclosure of financial relationships between drug manufacturers, investigators and study sites.

Ferring will require recipients of educational grants to disclose any transfers of value given to US-licensed physicians and teaching hospitals. Direct and indirect payments to both speakers and physician attendees that meet the reporting requirement include reimbursement for the below costs:

- Travel
- Meals when the physician is identifiable
- Lodging
- Speaker fees or honoraria
- Educational materials that are not meant to benefit the patient

Additionally, according to guidance provided by the CME Coalition, ACCME-accredited programs may not be eligible for Sunshine exemption if a manufacturer is made aware of potential speakers or faculty in the grant application i.e. agenda. CMS may consider that the grant approval was conditioned on those speakers, even if unsolicited by the manufacturer. Therefore, Ferring may require Sunshine Act reporting for certain ACCME-accredited programs.

REGULATORY, ETHICAL, AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

Ferring is committed to supporting the advancement of medicine through bona fide healthcare professional education that benefits patients by providing educational grants to eligible organizations and institutions in accordance with the following guidelines:

- HHS-OIG *Compliance Program Guidance for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers*
- PhRMA *Code on Interactions with Healthcare Professionals*
- ACCME *Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Education*
- FDA *Guidance on Industry-Supported Scientific and Educational Activities*
- American Medical Association, *Code of Medical Ethics*
- Applicable Ferring guidelines related to ethical corporate conduct
- Applicable federal and state regulations, including the Anti-Kickback Statute and False Claims Act