

Myeloma CellQuest Grant

Terms and conditions

Please read the following terms carefully. By submitting an application, you agree to these terms for yourself and on behalf of your Institution/Company. “You” and “your” shall refer to you personally or your Institution/Company, whichever is applicable. If you do not agree to these terms, then please do not apply to this grant program.

Eligibility Requirements:

The CellQuest grant program is open to researchers in the clinical space, with priority given to projects aligned with the recommended research areas. CellQuest grant program guidelines are:

- Applications must be submitted in English language, with one entry allowed per person.
- Eligible projects should involve human sample types suitable for analysis on the MARS platform, including peripheral blood and blood products, bone marrow aspirates, cultured cells, tissue, and fresh-frozen solid tumors.
- You must be actively enrolled or employed at a research institution or life sciences company in a capacity to perform life science research.
- Government employees and Health Care Professionals (HCPs) are NOT eligible to participate. For purposes of this program, HCPs is defined as any individual (with a clinical or non-clinical role; whether a government official, or employee or representative of a government agency or other public or private sector organisation; including but not limited to physicians, nurses, technicians, laboratory scientists, researchers, research co-ordinators or procurement professionals) that in the course of their professional activities may directly or indirectly purchase, lease, recommend, administer, use, supply, procure or determine the purchase or lease of, or who may prescribe medical technologies or related services.
- Also NOT eligible are (1) nationals and entities of any country subject to U.S., UK, or EU embargos; (2) any persons (including businesses, research institutions, government and private organizations, individuals, and other types of legal persons) on the U.S., UK or EU governments’ Denied Persons Lists, Specially Designated Nationals lists, Entity Lists, Unverified Lists or any other similar lists maintained by the U.S. or UK government, the EU or any other government to whose laws Sponsors, their subsidiaries or affiliated companies, the Program or such person is subject, and all individuals employed thereby or otherwise associated therewith, and (3) any persons for whom it would be illegal to participate in the program, or with or to whom it would be illegal for Applied Cells to interact or grant any

award as contemplated herein. Any application from an ineligible national or entity shall be invalid and disregarded.

- Incomplete or non-compliant submissions will be rejected.
- The program is subject to applicable laws and regulations. Participants are responsible for confirming that their respective university or organization rules permit such participation. This program is void where prohibited or otherwise restricted by law.
- A review of the selected project's progress will be conducted three months after its initiation, and Applied Cells may discontinue the project if it is not making satisfactory progress.
- At the end of the 6-month placement, the award recipient may have the option to purchase the MARS instrument at a discounted price.

Criteria for selection of award recipient

One award recipient will be chosen by a judging panel, which includes members of Applied Cells. The selection of the award recipient will be announced through email to all applicants, as well as via social media posts shared by Applied Cells. With the award recipient's approval, the research results of the selected project will be showcased in a major webinar sponsored by Applied Cells. The selection criteria for the project will be based on:

- Comprehensive experimental design
- Hypothesis grounded on credible data
- Clear articulation of the scientific question and a suitable scientific approach
- Compatibility with the technical capabilities of the MARS Platform
- Probability of successful research outcome
- Minimized risk of uncertain scientific results
- Quality and potential for significant scientific discovery
- Probability of generating a high-impact scientific publication based on the findings
- Innovative methodology and novelty of scientific problems
- Availability and suitability of samples for the specific research
- Anticipated project completion within the stipulated timeframe
- Ability and expertise to report results and present findings at webinars or conferences

Publication of selected project results and use of applicant data:

- Applied Cells will not disclose applicants' grant submissions to any third party, provided, however, that Applied Cells may share them with their own staff and distributors.
- You agree NOT to include confidential or proprietary information in submitted applications. Applied Cells will treat all information submitted in applications as non-confidential and non-proprietary.
- If you are the grant recipient, upon project completion, you agree to participate in at least one of the following activities relating to your specific project, with specific details of the applicable activity to be mutually agreed upon in good faith by Applied Cells and you: webinar, case study, blog post, or poster presentation.

- You consent to include the name of the company (i.e., Applied Cells Inc.) and MARS Platform within the Materials and Methods section of any peer-reviewed publication that features data procured during the project. The exact details of this reference will be mutually agreed upon in good faith by Applied Cells and you
- If you are the grant recipient, you agree that Applied Cells are allowed to publicly announce your name and research title, and to use anonymized data from your project in Applied Cells' application notes, including in marketing materials and seminars, with your consent.
- If you are the grant recipient, you may be required to sign and return an affidavit of eligibility, release of liability, a publicity release, and other appropriate legal documentation reasonably requested by Applied Cells, and you agree to sign such documentation if requested.
- If you are the grant recipient, by submitting a grant application, you agree that Applied Cells may use your name and abstract title for marketing purposes.
- If you are the grant recipient, you agree that Applied Cells may process the personal data you provide as part of your application, including sharing such data with Applied Cells' partners, collaborators, and other third parties who are obligated to keep the data confidential and in accordance with Applied Cells' privacy policies available at <https://appliedcells.com/privacy-policy/>
- All submissions and data must be sent directly to Applied Cells.

Selected applicant – use of the instrument

If you are the grant recipient:

- You agree to have your project run at your laboratory, where the reagents and the instrument will be shipped to.
- You agree that for any sample used in this project, you shall:
 - obtain all necessary prior informed consents, approvals, and/or waivers sufficient for (i) the use of such sample for the project; and (ii) Applied Cells' use of such sample in accordance with the grant;
 - provide Applied Cells with information corresponding to each sample that is reasonably necessary for Applied Cells to repeat the results ("Sample Information"), provided that such sharing of Sample Information with Applied Cells is permitted. All Sample Information provided to Applied Cells shall be deidentified and anonymized and devoid of personally identifiable information.
- The release of the grant will follow the establishment of realistic and achievable milestones mutually agreed upon by Applied Cells and the recipient. At the beginning of the project, the Applied Cells Grant Program Manager and the recipient will create a milestone schedule that will be used to track progress throughout the project and trigger the delivery of Applied Cells products, services, and scientific support. Milestones and grant release structure are negotiable between the grant recipient and Applied Cells. Although milestones are defined upfront and connected to grant release, the failure to achieve a milestone objective does not necessarily suspend or terminate the project, because unexpected problems and opportunities can arise in research and development programs and require thorough reviews. However, in case of failure to achieve a key milestone objective, Applied Cells reserves the

right to re-evaluate the project, forego the grant release, and press on to the next milestone, redefine the milestone, or terminate the program.

- You commit to meet with the Applied Cells Grant Program Manager at least once a month to ensure the steady progress of the project and sufficient support for your research.
- You consent to compile a concise report detailing the results obtained at the 3-month and 6-month marks from the start of the project.

General Terms:

- You represent and warrant that you are not a government employee or a Health Care Professional (HCP). Employees of government institutions and HCPs are not eligible to participate in this program. Health Care Professional is defined as anyone, any individual (with a clinical or non-clinical role; whether a government official, or employee or representative of a government agency or other public or private sector organisation; including but not limited to physicians, nurses, technicians, laboratory scientists, researchers, research co-ordinators or procurement professionals) that in the course of their professional activities may directly or indirectly purchase, lease, recommend, administer, use, supply, procure or determine the purchase or lease of, or who may prescribe medical technologies or related services.
- You agree to obtain all authorizations and permissions from your Institution/Company that are required to allow you to make this submission and, if selected, receive the reagents.
- You acknowledge and agree that any submission made hereunder is not being made in exchange for any promise of business to Applied Cells Inc.
- You represent and warrant that you have no obligation to any third party which may conflict with these terms.
- Once submitted, your materials and information cannot be returned.
- You are responsible for all of your own costs and the costs of any of your employees and agents incurred or that may be incurred in connection with this program, including, without limitation, any tax liability and any costs associated with entering into and participating in this program.
- Awards may not be transferred or assigned; no substitutions or cash equivalents are allowed. All taxes on the awards and reporting thereof, and any other costs, fees, and expenses relating to the awards or the research project, are your responsibility or the responsibility of your institution or company.
- If, for any reason, the grant program may not run as planned for any causes beyond the reasonable control of Applied Cells, then Applied Cells reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the grant program.
- These terms and conditions and any action related to this grant program will be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to or application of its conflict of law provisions or your state or country of residence. All claims, legal proceedings, or litigation arising in connection with these terms and conditions and this grant program will be brought solely in the federal or state courts located in California.

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