Whiteside Grant #

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WHITESIDE INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH

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2027 Research Grant Application

Please check Yes/No as appropriate for the following questions:		
YES ☐	NO ☐	Is the PI a healthcare professional or researcher at an institution in the Whiteside catchment area? (Northeastern MN, Northwestern WI, UP of Michigan)
YES ☐	NO ☐	Have you considered how your research will benefit rural or underserved communities?
YES ☐	NO ☐	Does this project involve an active collaboration between investigators? A minimum of 2 investigators is required (applicant plus at least one collaborator)
YES ☐	NO ☐	Does the proposal focus on cancer, lung or heart disease? Note: At least 50% of awarded grants must focus on cancer, lung or heart disease.

1. Project Title:

2. In a few sentences, please describe if your proposal is related to cancer, heart, or lung disease. If your proposal is unrelated to these subjects, please explain the general subject area of your proposal**.**

3. In a few sentences, please describe how this proposal is **clinical or translational in nature**.

4. A. Briefly explain the potential impact of this research on rural or underserved communities

   B. If you are working with human subjects and/or recruiting participants, please include a brief description of the strategies that will be used to recruit, enroll and retain members of historically disadvantaged populations.

5. Proposed funding period: -

6. Total funding requested:

7. Does this project involve:

a.	Human subjects	YES ☐	NO ☐
b.	Animal subjects	YES ☐	NO ☐
c.	Human blood or bodily fluids	YES ☐	NO ☐
d.	Recombinant DNA, infections agents or biological toxins	YES ☐	NO ☐
e.	Radioactive materials and/or ionizing radiation-producing equipment	YES ☐	NO ☐
f.	Chemicals	YES ☐	NO ☐

If you answered YES to any of the items in question 7, special training, approvals or registrations may be required by participating institutions prior to project initiation. Please describe any plans for IRB and/or IACUC approval.

8. Please provide an itemized budget **($25,000 maximum)**. List salaries, benefits, supplies, equipment, etc., and include justifications.

Please attach a non-technical project summary (one page maximum) and a description of the purpose of the project, research design, methods, and significance (two pages maximum).
State the RESEARCH HYPOTHESIS if pertinent to the project.

Please **INCLUDE** the project title in the header on each page of the attachment.

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9. Principal Investigator Name:
   Position/title:
   Department:
   Institution:
   Mailing Address:
   Email:
   Telephone:
   Fax:

Collaboration is required for the Whiteside Grant Program.
Interdisciplinary, substantial collaborations will be looked upon more favorably.

10. Name(s) and affiliations(s) of project collaborator(s):

11. Please outline the role of each collaborator and how much effort will be put toward the project for each person involved in the research project.

12. Does a potential conflict of interest exist for anyone involved in the project YES ☐ NO ☐
    If yes, please summarize.

13. List titles, sources and amounts of outside funding that the PI and/or collaborators have received in the last five years, as well as those that are pending or contemplated. Include dates, and, when relevant, explain how they relate to this request.

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14. Have you previously received a grant from Whiteside? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please list title(s) amount(s) and date(s) below. Please include publications and leveraged funding/grants that have resulted from previous Whiteside grants received and note which publications acknowledge Whiteside. Additionally, please state how data from your previous Whiteside-funded research have shaped the application currently being submitted.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Instructions

To complete your application, please include the following files in the order shown below as a single PDF:

(a) Application for Whiteside Institute Research Grant form
(b) Non-technical project summary, one page maximum
(c) Project description, two page maximum
(d) Letter(s) of commitment from each project collaborator
(e) A biographical sketch of the investigator(s)

Email the **single** PDF file to marilyn.odean@aspirus.org by **4:30pm, Friday, November 6, 2026.**

Form revised 9/26 *Discard all previous versions.*

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