



GRANT CRITERIA Australia & New Zealand



W. L. Gore & Associates is committed to improving patient care in the communities in which we operate and do business. As part of this commitment and recognising the importance of grants to the advancement of medical education, public education and improved patient care, the Gore Grants Program provides educational grants to support a variety of activities.

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Educational grant requests must align to Gore therapeutic areas of interest:

- Vascular: Treatment and management of aortic, peripheral artery disease (PAD), venous, and/or arteriovenous (AV) access (dialysis access) disease.
- Cardiac: Treatment and management of structural and congenital heart disease, including cardiac reconstruction/repair, valvular replacement/repair, Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO) and heart failure.
- General Medical: Treatment and management of hernias, biliary and foregut disease, as well as bariatric, general, plastic, reconstructive and thoracic surgery needs.

Educational grants will only be considered for organisations and institutions that have a genuine educational or scientific purpose or function to support educational programs and events on scientific, clinical or health care topics. Organisations and institutions that may receive educational grants include:

- Educational, scientific and charitable entities and organisations.
- Training hospitals or other bona fide medical institutions.
- International, national, regional and specialty medical associations and societies.
- Continuing medical education providers.

Educational grant funding may be used to:

- Advance medical education of health care professionals and persons in training.
- Support medical education events, including third-party educational conferences, by:
 - Reducing the overall attendance costs for all participants.
 - Supporting the provision of meals and refreshments for all participants.
 - Allowing attendance by health care professionals in training (medical students, residents, fellows).
 - Providing reasonable honoraria, travel, accommodations and modest meals for bona fide faculty members.
- Support third-party fellowships for the specialty education of a health care professional or person in training.
- Support grand rounds presentation and lectureships at universities and hospitals.
- Develop, produce, distribute or purchase enduring educational materials.
- Support patient education or public education about important health care topics.

Educational grant funding may not be used for:

- Promotional activities (e.g. promotion of institution, specific products or company).
- Inappropriately influence referral patterns.
- Exhibit, display or advertising fees (may be considered as a commercial sponsorship).
- Support of charitable programs.
- Normal organisational overhead: purchase of capital equipment, software, staff training, etc.
- Awards, gifts, prizes, recreation, entertainment or graduation/celebration dinners.
- The attendance or participation of the family member or guest of a health care professional.



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Grant requestor/recipient acknowledges that:

- Gore has established objective criteria for providing educational grants that do not take into account the volume or value of purchases made by, or anticipated from, the recipient.
- Requests for educational grant funding must comply with the current version of the MTAA Code of Practice.
- Educational grants will not be made directly to an individual health care professional or to a bank account in the name of an individual HCP.
- The receiving organisation has an appropriate process in place for impartially allocating the funds or selecting any beneficiary of the funds.
 - Gore will not participate in any decision on behalf of the recipient as to which individual health care professionals may benefit and funding will not be provided if there is a reasonable concern that an educational grant is going to be used to directly fund a nominated HCP to a conference.
- The grant recipient retains independent control and responsibility for the selection of program content, faculty, educational methods and materials.

Gore Grant Program review and approval process:

- Application:
 - Applications should be received no less than 60 days prior to the date of the event or activity, applications received after the event or activity will not be considered.
 - Requests will only be reviewed upon receipt of a completed application form, including submission of all required supporting documentation.
 - Submission of a grant application is no guarantee of approval.
- Review:
 - The Grants Committee meets on a periodic basis, typically every two to four weeks.
 - At the discretion of the Grant Committee, the requestor may be asked to provide additional information.
- Outcome:
 - All requestors will be notified of the outcome in a timely fashion.
 - The approval of any grant application is not a guarantee or commitment to future grant requests.
- Agreement:
 - Support for any approved grant application will only be provided upon Gore's receipt of a fully executed grant agreement.
- Reporting:
 - After completion of the educational or research program, grant recipient must provide verification that grant support was fully utilised for the intended and approved purposes when requested by Gore.
 - Gore will publicly report, as required for national, federal, state, or local laws, regulations and industry codes, the amount and type of grant support provided.

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