

**THE COMPETITIVE RESEARCH FUND OF UPMC SHADYSIDE HOSPITAL
AND SHADYSIDE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

2026 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Introduction and Background Information:

A. The UPMC Shadyside Hospital Competitive Research Fund is available for research projects at UPMC Shadyside Hospital. Only projects constructed for research will be considered (not QI, equipment purchases, etc.). Members of the medical or nursing staff, residents/fellows(with appropriate mentoring), pharmacists, allied health professionals and others involved in patient care can make application for grants from this Fund for research in a variety of areas. Such proposals should be for clinical, educational or, health services research. The scope of research can be broad, but generally will be concerned with projects leading to improved patient care and improved efficiency of delivery of such care. Proposals might include studies of outcomes of new and innovative treatment.

- a. The use of new diagnostic techniques and their advantages and disadvantages as compared to older one.
- b. The evaluation of new antibiotics in treatment of specific diseases such as community acquired pneumonia.
- c. The necessity for monitoring in non-cardiac patients; the adequacies of quality-of-care measures.
- d. The evaluation of evaluation of educational materials, etc.

Deadline for submission is: Monday November 17th, 2025. The completed application should be e-mailed to Julie Hess at gardonej@upmc.edu

2. Instructions:

A. General Information

1. Applications should be concise. **DO NOT EXCEED PAGE LIMITATIONS.**
2. If the proposed research involves human subjects, the Principal Investigator must include a copy of the application as submitted to the Investigational Review Board (IRB) of the University of Pittsburgh Investigational Review Board (WWW.irb.pitt.edu). Applications may be submitted with IRB approval pending but awards will NOT be made until/unless approval of the IRB Committee is received.
3. For proposals involving the use of animals, the investigator must sign a statement to indicate that the research will conform with the “Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals” approved by the Council of the American Physiological Society. Federal laws and regulations include approval by an Institutional Animal Review Committee.
4. Should a publication result from this research, the funding support of The UPMC Shadyside Hospital Competitive Research Fund and The Shadyside Hospital

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Foundation should be acknowledged, and reprints of any article(s) should be forwarded to the Fund and the Shadyside Hospital Foundation office.

5. The grant request must indicate whether the application is independent of, supplemental to, or represents an alternative to other funding either already received or applied for. It must be made clear that the budget requests DO NOT duplicate each other.
6. Awardees must update the Foundation on the status of their projects every 6 months after receiving their awards. This should be a brief (1 page) description of data collected and plans to present or publish the work. Upon completion of the award cycle (12, 18, or 24 months), awardees must complete a description of what they accomplished with the funds (limit 3 pages). These updates can be sent to the same address as the application.
7. The financial officer of UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside Hospital shall provide the Competitive Research Fund with an annual report of expenditures within 30 days after the end of the grant period. Unexpended funds will be returned to the Fund, however, written requests to extend the budget period beyond one year will be considered on an individual basis.
8. A deficit will NOT be considered the responsibility of the Fund.
9. Investigators previously awarded grants that were not used for reasons within their control, will not be able to apply again for two years. **Projects not completed for reasons beyond the investigators control will not be subjected to this restriction. (Example: A PHARMACEUTICAL INTEGRAL TO THE RESEARCH PROJECT IS PULLED FROM THE MARKET. PROJECT UNABLE TO BE COMPLETED BEYOND INVESTIGATORS CONTROL)**
10. **Budget Constraints**
 - **Data analysis must be < 50% of award.**
 - **Indirect costs must be < 10% of award.**
 - **Equipment purchases must be less than < 50% of award.**
 - **Travel must be < 50% of award.**
 - **Total Must Be Less than \$15,000.**
11. Award announcements will be made by **January 16, 2026**.
12. Further information concerning the Fund and preparation of the application can be obtained from the Chair of CRF Dr. Michael Elnicki, elnickim@upmc.edu.