

Frequently Asked Questions - Kopchick Research Award Application

Q: Is my stipend an allowable expense?

A: No, student stipends or benefits may not be supported by this award.

Q: Can I use funds to attend a conference or course related to my research project?

A: Yes, travel expenses and registration costs can be used.

Q: Can the award be used to pay for my tuition and fees?

A: Yes

Q: Exactly what expenses are allowable?

A: See the table at the end of this FAQ page.

Q: Does "overhead" in the instructions mean the same thing as indirect costs?

A: Yes

Q: Can the project involve others in the lab?

A: Yes, but stipend and salaries may not be supported.

Q: Do the Specific Aims in the Finalist Application count toward the six page limit

A: Yes

Q: Should the proposal be written on research that will be performed only in the next year?

A: The research proposal should focus on what will be accomplished during the year that funding is provided. However, this award is intended to fund pilot projects, and so, in the proposal, it is helpful to briefly outline the longer-term goals and significance of the project.

Q: How many awards are being given?

A: One award will be given this year.

Q: Can I apply again if I don't get the award this time?

A: Yes, there is no limit on applying again. However, for the winner, this is a one-year award. It may not be renewed.

John J. Kopchick – Expense Allowability Grid

Expense Category	Allowable	Unallowable
Alcoholic Beverages		X
Books/Periodicals	X	
Capital Expenses: Computer Software >\$100K Equipment >\$5K		X
Computer Equipment	X	
Computer Software	X	
Scientific Services (animal costs, DNA sequencing, etc)	X	
Registration fees and housing for conferences, workshops, courses	X	
Consultant Services (except for grant writing)	X	
Consumable Lab Supplies and Reagents	X	
Copying/Printing	X	
Fringe Benefits		X
Grant Writers		X
Meals related to travel	X	
Membership Fees and Dues	X	
Office Supplies	X	
Parking	X	
Postage/Mail	X	
Publication Costs	X	
Research Subject Incentives (except cash and gift cards) examples might include mugs, pens, keychains, etc.	X	
Salaries		X
Stipends		X
Travel	X	
Tuition and Fees	X	

Expenditures of these funds must be in accordance with institutional policies and procedures at MD Anderson/UTHealth.

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