

# **The World Scleroderma Foundation and GILS present the Research Grant Program for 2021**

*The World Scleroderma Foundation and GILS  
are proud to announce a grant call*



The WSF and GILS are interested in fostering innovative and high-quality research of both new and established investigators in fields related to systemic sclerosis. The present grant aims to initiate and support research in systemic sclerosis in all regions of the world and to improve the quality of life of scleroderma sufferers and their families.

To enhance a collaboration between scleroderma centres, one of which must be based in Italy, GILS and WSF together are launching this important initiative. The project must demonstrate the synergy and the added value of the proposed collaboration.

The total amount of money available in this call is 50.000 €: this may be split to fund 2 grants of 25.000 € each. Therefore, applicants may request up to 25.000 € for one year. The scientific committee will choose projects according to their quality. The results will have to be presented in priority to the WSC2022 in Prague.

Eligibility: Applications can be submitted by both public or private institutions such as universities, hospitals and laboratories. To the projects is requested the participation of at least one Italian researcher.

## Grant Application Procedure

### STEP 1

- Letter of intent: two pages of a short proposal with specified the development of the project
- CV of participants
- The letter of intent deadline will be November 15th, 2020.
- The applicants will be informed if they are admitted to step 2 selection before January 1st, 2021
- For more detailed information, including date updates and applications procedures, please visit **[www.sclerodermia.net](http://www.sclerodermia.net)** and **[www.worldsclerofound.org](http://www.worldsclerofound.org)**

# STEP 2

- The final application should reach both the secretariat of GILS ([gils@sclerodermia.net](mailto:gils@sclerodermia.net)) and of WSF ([worldsclerodermafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:worldsclerodermafoundation@gmail.com)) before February 1st, 2021
- The applicants will be informed if they have been selected as winners of the grant before March 1st, 2021

## The following documents will be needed:

- Full project composed of state of the art, aim, objectives, methods, expected results and a specific part dedicated to the patients with a lay summary, future developments and a description of the innovative aspects.
- List of Participants with their letter of acceptance
- COI statement
- Budget
- Letter of recommendations (only for young investigators) and sustainability

The grant application process and grant award will be coordinated via the GILS head office.

Please contact [gils@sclerodermia.net](mailto:gils@sclerodermia.net) in case of questions or issues with the application process. The projects will be operative from April 1st, 2021 with possible presentation of an abstract at the WSC2020 (deadline likely to be September 15th, 2021).

## List of deadlines:

- **Letter of intent:** November 15th, 2020
- **Final application:** February 1st, 2021
- **Final decision:** March 1st, 2021

