Dear Colleague,

This letter serves to introduce the Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation and to notify you of 2019 Travel Grants that the Foundation is offering to Pediatric Retina Fellows and/or Pediatric Retina Specialists within their first five years of practice.

Since 2006, the Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation has been working to support the medical community’s efforts to investigate the causes of and to improve treatments for Coats’ Disease, with the goal of finding a cure. We are offering Travel Grants for young doctors and researchers to attend either the 2019 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) meeting in Vancouver, BC or the 2019 Advances in Pediatric Retina meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Our vision is to find a cure for Coats’ Disease. To achieve this, the Foundation is committed to these four goals: Build Awareness of Coats’ Disease; Raise Funds for Research; Fund Research; and Build Patient Resources, such as a Doctor Directory. We have also established a Patient Registry for researchers to access.

By sponsoring travel to conferences for new professionals, we hope to raise awareness about the Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation and our efforts to encourage research into this disease. Please visit our website to learn about Research Grant Opportunities supported by the Foundation for research into Coats’ Disease. https://coatsdiseasefoundation.org/research/apply-for-a-grant/

Please help us make your community aware of this opportunity. The application requirements and additional information about the Foundation and the Travel Grants are included in this document. The application deadline for the Travel Grants is March 1. We recognize that the deadline for application is fast approaching, however, the application requirements are quite straightforward.

We look forward to developing strong relationships with institutions such as yours as we see in you the hope for a future without Coats’ Disease.

Sincerely,

Katie Koborsi, Chair
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The Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation is pleased to announce travel support for Pediatric Retina Fellows or Pediatric Retina Specialists within their first five years of practice with the goal of encouraging and supporting research and improvements in care for Coats’ Disease. These grants will support young doctors with an interest in Coats’ Disease research who need support for meeting attendance to present their work or be educated on the latest treatments and research. The grant may be used towards travel and/or meeting registration for either the 2019 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) in Vancouver, BC from April 28-May 2, 2019 (https://www.arvo.org/annual-meeting) or 2019 Advances in Pediatric Retina in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 13-15, 2019. (https://medicine.utah.edu/ophthalmology/education/conferences/pediatric-retina.php).

Priority will be given to applicants who are presenting a paper, poster, or abstract on Coats’ Disease or other pediatric retinal disease research.

Application Requirements:

- Summary of Academic Background and Training (one paragraph) or a current CV.
- Description of your desired travel (including a timeline for when you will depart and return) and a detailed budget (e.g. transportation, lodging/accommodations, and per diem expenses).
- Information about your current practice.
- Brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) detailing your interest in Coats’ Disease. Include (if applicable) any prior or ongoing research, publications, or presentations relevant to Coats’ Disease.
- Brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) summarizing why attendance to the Conference would be meaningful. The summary may include how attendance may improve your understanding of Coats’ Disease; allow you to network with current or potential future collaborators on Coats’ Disease research; or allow you to present your current work.

Please note: Summaries will be used by the Foundation to inform our supporters and donors of the value of this grant to your research and practice.
General Information and Use of Funds:

- Recipients may receive up to $2,000 to support the proposed travel and/or meeting registration dues.

- Deadline for Applications will be: **March 1, 2019**

- Notification of Grant Awards will be by: **April 1, 2019**

- Applications must be in PDF format and submitted via e-mail to Katie Koborsi, Chair, Scientific Advisory Board, Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation (katiekoborsi@curecoats.org). Additional questions about proposal submission, proposal content and review, or applicant eligibility may be addressed to Katie Koborsi at the e-mail specified above.

About the Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation
The Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation funds research to find a cure for Coats’ Disease. The Foundation is the preeminent resource for Coats’ Disease patients and their families. We serve as a hub for the Coats’ Disease community who seek information about specialists who treat this rare disease and updates on the latest research in this disorder. The Jack McGovern Coats’ Disease Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable Foundation that was established in 2006 by the parents of Jack McGovern as a promise to their son that they would never rest until there was a cure for Coats’ Disease.

To learn more, visit [https://coatsdiseasefoundation.org/](https://coatsdiseasefoundation.org/)