

# ESPERION

## Independent Medical Education Grants

An Ongoing Commitment to Independent Medical Education

ESPERION seeks to advance scientific knowledge and enhance patient care by supporting independent medical education (IME) for healthcare professionals (HCPs) and researchers. ESPERION considers unsolicited multi-supported educational requests from appropriate external organizations, and all requests must demonstrate the potential to improve the quality and outcomes of care for patients.



## ESPERION INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EDUCATION GRANTS SUPPORT

The independent medical education programs that we support include: educational activities certified for CME/CE for physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and other healthcare professionals, as well as activities without continuing education credit.

We accept applications from a wide range of healthcare organizations, associations, academic institutions, hospitals, and medical education companies.



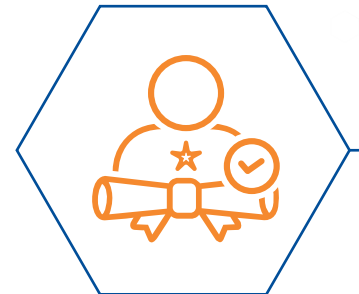
## AREAS OF STRATEGIC INTEREST



## ELIGIBILITY

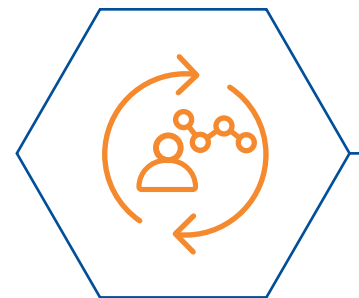
### Entities Eligible for IME Grant Consideration

- To be eligible for funding, the Grant Requestor must provide ESPERION with a certification that confirms the IME is truly independent.
- Entities that are eligible to submit IME Grant Requests for consideration by the Grant Review Committee include academic medical centers, professional societies and organizations, healthcare institutions such as hospitals, medical or pharmacy schools, and medical education companies.
- If a Grant Requester has an affiliated company that provides Commercial Services to ESPERION, such Grant Requester may be eligible for an Educational Grant *provided* ESPERION can determine that appropriate firewalls, controls and safeguards are in place to ensure that any program (i) remains independent, objective, balanced and scientifically rigorous, (ii) is not intended to promote an ESPERION product directly or indirectly, and (iii) is not in any way biased due to the affiliated company's relationship with ESPERION.



### Entities Ineligible for IME Grant Consideration

- Individual HCPs or a private or group medical practice or clinic are ineligible for Unrestricted Educational Grants
- An organization or entity that provides Commercial Services to ESPERION is ineligible.



## GUIDE TO COMPLETING YOUR ONLINE GRANT APPLICATION

To access our online grant application, visit [www.esperion.com/science/grants](http://www.esperion.com/science/grants) to find the required information needed to submit an application.

Each section contains a detailed checklist of information required to complete an application including:

- Formal letter of request for funding
- Program brochure or agenda/list of topics
- Grant proposal
- Detailed budget



Please note: Enduring Material may only be considered for support by the Grant Review Committee at the time the initial IME Grant Request is considered, before the IME program is developed.

You will also find answers to frequently asked questions and the option to track the status of your grant application as it moves through the review process. We will only consider completed applications. Once your application has been submitted, you will receive an email confirmation and notification of any additional information required, if applicable.

## THE ESPERION INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EDUCATION GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

The ESPERION Independent Medical Education Grants Review Committee will review your application against rigorous criteria that reflect regulatory requirements and standards adopted by accreditation bodies. The committee will review applications to ensure:

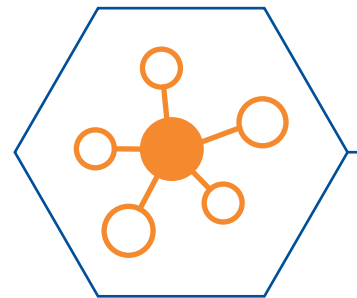
- IME is designed to provide continuing education to healthcare professionals (HCPs) to address knowledge and skills gaps that will likely lead to improved patient care and outcomes.
- IME is “independent” of the commercial supporter which means the IME Provider must retain complete control over the IME’s structure, content, faculty, venue, methods, and materials to ensure it is free of commercial bias.



- An IME program must:
  - be non-promotional, objective, unbiased, and scientifically rigorous.
  - seek to provide education on a full range of treatment options and not focus on a particular product but, if particular therapeutic options are discussed, the information must not be promotional in tone or content.
  - comply with the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support: Standards to Ensure Independence in CME Activities<sup>SM</sup> (“ACCME Standards”)
    - Regardless of whether a proposed IME program is accredited or unaccredited, ESPERION requires that all ACCME standards apply (e.g., control by/independence of the IME provider, scientific rigor, and lack of bias).

The committee also assesses the alignment of your proposal with our areas of strategic educational interest and whether the proposal meets overall review criteria, including:

- Clearly defined educational needs assessment
- Specific educational objectives that address the identified need with a topic that is consistent with ESPERION legal, compliance, and regulatory policies
- Clearly defined evaluation and outcome metrics



## DECISION AND NOTIFICATION

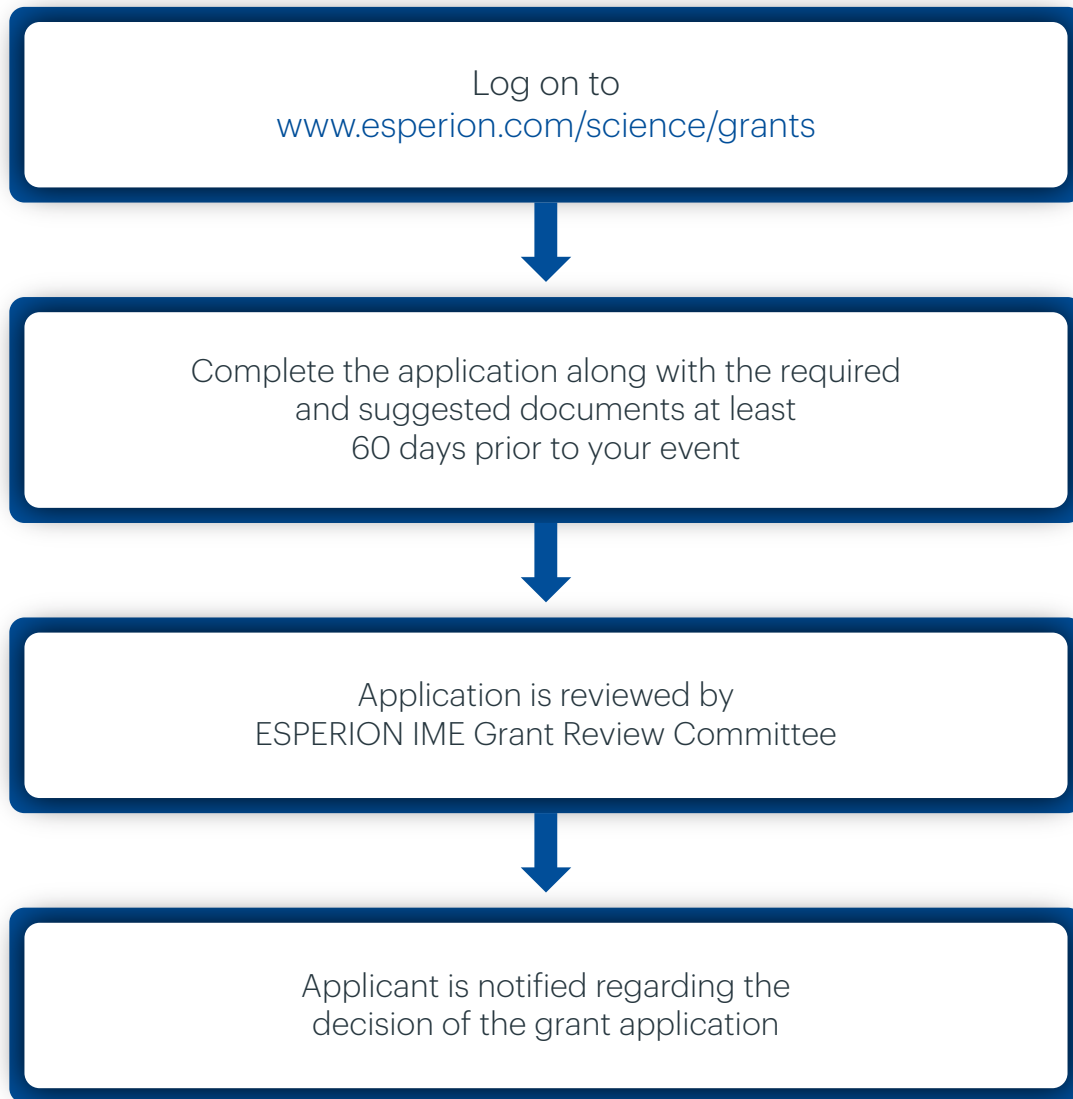
In order to allow ample time for review, notification and confirmation of support, **your submission must be received at least 60 days in advance of your proposed program**. The submission must contain a complete application with all relevant attachments (as previously outlined).

You will be notified electronically regarding the funding decision of your grant request. If the decision is made to fund your grant request, you will receive a Letter of Agreement (LOA), which will serve as the legal document governing our commercial support of your independent medical education program

Funding decisions are contingent upon a fully-executed Letter of Agreement (LOA) that includes the IME Provider's agreement to make meaningful disclosure of ESPERION's funding of the IME, any significant relationships between the IME Provider, faculty and ESPERION, and whether any unapproved uses of products will be discussed.



## APPLICATION PROCESS AT A GLANCE



## | HOW TO CONTACT US: |



For more information or to submit an online grant application, visit **[www.esperion.com/science/grants](http://www.esperion.com/science/grants)**



If you have specific questions, please send an email inquiry to **[grants@esperion.com](mailto:grants@esperion.com)**