

Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE)

FAQs

What is GEMS?

Grants, External studies and Managed access System (GEMS) platform is a global, cross-functional, cloud-based system to manage IIT, MAP and Grant requests from end-to-end using the CyberGrants platform. What is meant by “end-to-end” is from receipt of request to final delivery of either drug, or payment, or both, the process of which may also include integration of certain Sandoz/Novartis systems.

Will Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) contact me if they have questions regarding the funding request?

Yes, SOGE will contact you should clarification be required on your request. This contact will be via system-generated e-mail to contact information provided during the submission process. This request for additional information will be submitted through an Impact Report request. Your prompt attention to these inquiries will enable SOGE to provide a response for all requests with a timely review.

How can I find out the status of a grant that I submitted through the online system?

For status on grant requests already submitted online, go to GEMS Link, login, and check status using your grant ID.

Will the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) support CME accredited and non-accredited activities?

Yes, SOGE will consider both CME accredited and non-accredited/non-promotional activities.

From whom will the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) accept Independent Medical Education Grant applications?

Sandoz accepts grant applications from hospitals, professional associations, community health centers, managed care organizations, academic medical centers, accredited medical education providers, and medical education communication companies/providers. Individual HCPs are not eligible to submit grants.

What kind of Independent Medical Education Programs does the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) support?

Programs must be independent, non-promotional in nature, and for bona fide accredited and non-accredited, medical education activities. This includes programs such as CME/CE/CPE and non-CME/non-CE/non-CPE and, when aligned to required criteria, fellowships for junior faculty or emerging leaders for study/training or work towards contributions to the development of science in a strategically aligned therapeutic area (TA) of interest to Sandoz.

What kinds of Patient Advocacy Organization Grants does the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) support?

Programs that advance the objectives of non-profit, 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) patient advocacy organizations, healthcare or healthcare related organizations. Initiatives that may be supported include: advocacy regarding patient-related topics; awareness and education about the value of clinical trials; legislative advocacy and research activities; patient education/disease state awareness programs including print, media, newsletters, interactive (websites), seminars, symposia; and policy related topics.

What types of sponsorships and corporate memberships does the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) support?

Sandoz may support sponsorships of roundtables, research, research meetings, and special events as well as corporate memberships.

What kind of programs are not supported by the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE)?

- Grants requests received less than 60 days prior to the activity start date
- Request for programs that have already started or are in progress
- Grants which are not within the identified therapeutic areas of interest (see Areas of Therapeutic Interest)
- Grants to individuals
- Personal travel
- Expenses related to HCP attendance at major meetings to conduct post-meeting reviews
- Website development or mass media production not associated with an accredited provider
- Entertainment
- Capital Campaigns, building funds or operating expenses
- Professional career development (e.g. office/practice management skills, presentation skills, etc.)
- Events that do not have an educational focus
- Service Contracts
- Texts books or equipment related requests
- Promotional exhibit and display space
- Recognition awards
- Charitable Contributions
- Grants requests for meals only
- Activities held in lavish venues/resort locations are strongly discouraged
- Travel costs for any non-faculty participants

Will the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) pay for physicians to attend a major meeting to gather information to then be presented at a regional/local post major-meeting review?

No, SOGE will not pay for travel, honoraria, or hotel for physicians attending major meetings to gather information for regional/local post major-meeting reviews.

Will the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) pay for individuals to attend meetings?

No, SOGE will not pay for travel, lodging, meals or registration for any healthcare professional to attend a meeting or event.

Will the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) consider free Exhibit Space as part of a grant request?

No, SOGE will not consider exhibit space as part of a grant request. Exhibit space must be contracted through a separate "fee for service" contract. This separate request should be made by contacting your local Sandoz Sales or Marketing Representative.

If the event has already taken place, will the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) still accept a grant request?

SOGE will not consider funding for events which have already begun or taken place. This is also true of enduring materials for a program that has already taken place.

Do I need to submit a complete budget for all of the costs associated with my program?

Yes, please submit a budget for the costs associated with the entire program. Please provide a breakout for all individual costs in the overall budget.

Will the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) consider a grant request that supports both CME and promotional activities?

No, SOGE cannot support a grant containing both CME and promotional activities. Promotional activities should be directed to your local Sandoz Sales or Marketing representative for consideration.

What sponsorships will the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) not consider?

SOGE will not consider funding sponsorships related directly to funding any politicians, initiative that is focused solely on raising awareness of Sandoz-specific clinical trial, for events or activities intended for non-scientific purposes, to offset normal operating costs of an organization and for development of resources intended to be commercialized by the requestor.

Are their specific items or activities contained within a grant request which the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) will not fund?

- SOGE will not fund a Professional Education grant in which there are recreational components (e.g. golf, spa activities)
- SOGE will not fund a grant in which there are gifts to speakers or attendees
- SOGE will not fund food and beverages related expenses associated with the educational activities
- SOGE will not fund a grant in which speakers or participants are allowed to bring a spouse or guest to any meal function

Will the Sandoz Office of Grants and Education (SOGE) sign a Letter of Agreement other than a SOGE agreement?

No. If the provider requires a separate Letter of Agreement to proceed with an activity, the SOGE Letter of Agreement will predominate. SOGE will not sign any other Letters of Agreement.