

Application for Grants

Approval of requests for grants is not connected to or conditioned upon purchasing, using, or recommending any Paradigm Spine LLC product by anyone, and is subject to Paradigm Spine's Terms and Conditions. Please be advised that only the Paradigm Spine Grant Council can approve a grant request and make a commitment to provide funding. Any communication from any person other than an approved representative of the Paradigm Spine Grant Council regarding a commitment of funds is not valid. Paradigm Spine LLC will process grant requests in the order in which completed applications are received. To ensure prompt processing of your request, please make sure that all questions on the application are answered completely and all supporting materials provided. After submitting your application, you will receive a written acknowledgment from the Paradigm Spine Grant Council Chair.

- All requests for research and educational grants must be received by the first of the month to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee
- Please submit your Grant Requests with sufficient time prior to the event date to allow the Paradigm Spine Grant Council adequate time to review and respond to your request.
- All Grant Requests for the following calendar year will be reviewed beginning September 1 of the previous year. Please submit your Grant Requests accordingly.

This is a two-step process. Following acceptance to the Terms and Conditions, you will be directed to answer questions to confirm eligibility for Paradigm Spine Grants.

Terms & Conditions

Paradigm Spine GRANTS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Statement of Purpose:** The Program for which funding is requested is for scientific and educational purposes only and will not promote individual products, directly or indirectly.

2. **Control of Contents and Selection of Presenters & Moderators:** The Sponsor is responsible for the control of content and selection of any presenters and/or moderators. Paradigm Spine agrees not to direct the content of the program or to influence the Sponsor (or Communication Company) with regard to content. Paradigm Spine or its agents will respond only to Sponsor initiated requests for suggestions of presenters or sources of potential presenters. Paradigm Spine may provide Sponsor with information on speaker participants and their affiliation with Paradigm Spine, including speaker qualifications, financial disclosure and prior relationships. This information will be provided by the Paradigm Spine in writing and sponsor shall maintain records reflecting fair balance and independence.

3. **Role of the Communication Company:** The Communication Company, if any, is the agent of Sponsor. As such, the Communication Company reports to the Sponsor and does not make any independent judgment as to the program content, faculty selection, or other fundamental matters relating to the carrying-out of this educational activity. At the Sponsor's discretion, the Communication Company may act as the representative for the Sponsor in the overall management of this activity and in day-to-day communications with the parties associated with the program, including faculty and Paradigm Spine.

4. **Disclosure of Financial Relationships:** The Sponsor will ensure meaningful disclosure to the audience, at the time of the program, of (a) Paradigm Spine's funding and (b) any significant relationships between the Sponsor, the Communication Company and Paradigm Spine or between individual speakers or moderators and Paradigm Spine and/or the Communication Company.

5. Involvement in Content: Paradigm Spine or its agents shall not be involved in the "scripting," or directing of content.
6. Ancillary Promotional Activities: Promotional activities shall not be permitted to take place in the same room or along the entrance to the area in which the educational program is taking place. No product advertisements will be permitted in the educational program room.
7. Objectivity & Balance: Sponsor will make every effort to ensure fair balance, that Paradigm Spine products (and competing products) are objectively selected and presented, with favorable and unfavorable information and that the program provides a balanced discussion of prevailing information on the product(s) and all relevant therapeutic options.
8. Limitations on Data: Sponsor will ensure, to the extent possible, meaningful disclosure of data, e.g., ongoing research, interim analyses, preliminary data, or unsupported opinion.
9. Discussion of Unapproved Uses: When discussed by presenter he/she must disclose that such use is unapproved in the United States.
10. Opportunities for Debate: At the time of the event, Sponsor will ensure meaningful opportunities for questioning or scientific debate.
11. Independence of the Sponsor in the Use of Contributed Funds: Funds paid by Paradigm Spine to the Sponsor shall be in the form of an educational grant made payable to the Sponsor.
12. No relationship to any business relationship: This request, as well as the making or acceptance of the grant by Paradigm Spine, has and will not be conditioned on or related, in any way, to: (a) any pre-existing or future business relationship with Paradigm Spine; or (b) any business or other decision Sponsor has or may make, relating to Paradigm Spine or its products (including coverage or access status decisions).
13. Appropriate Use of Funds: Sponsor will use such funds for the educational program only and not use any part of this grant to subsidize recreational events or entertainment, travel, lodging, or other personal expenses of non-faculty attendees, or extravagant meals or receptions (e.g., lavish hospitality that is no incidental to the main educational goals of the educational program). If requested, Sponsor will confirm in writing that the terms of this contract have been followed.
14. Return of Unused Funds, Records: Sponsor shall (a) return all funds not used for the program described above, within 60 days of the date of the program; (b) furnish Paradigm Spine a report regarding expenditure of funds associated with this program, upon Paradigm Spine's request; and (c) upon request grant Paradigm Spine's auditors access to all records, including expense records, related to this program, at a mutually acceptable time and location (for a period of 2 years after the date of the program).

2. CO-REQUESTOR INFORMATION

13a. NAME: (Last, First, Middle)		13b. DEGREES:
13c. POSITION TITLE:	13d. BUSINESS ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)	
13e. DEPARTMENT, SERVICE, LABORATORY OR EQUIVALENT		
13f. TELEPHONE AND FAX (Area code, number, extension) Tel.: Fax:	13g. EMAIL ADDRESS (required)	
13h. SIGNATURE OF CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR		

3. FINANCIAL OFFICER INFORMATION

14a. FINANCIAL OFFICER Name:	Phone:
Title:	Fax:
Business Address:	E-mail (required):
City, State, Zip:	
14b. FINANCIAL OFFICER SIGNATURE:	
PAYMENT INFORMATION:	
Mail check to (required if person is other than financial officer listed above):	
Payee For Check:	
Address For Check:	
City, State, Zip:	

4. ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

15. NAME AND SIGNATURE OF ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS <i>(If Applicable)</i>	
1). NAME: _____	SIGNATURE: _____
2). NAME: _____	SIGNATURE: _____

5. ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION

PROVIDE THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR AN ALTERNATE CONTACT — this is the person OREF should contact if there is a question regarding the application and the PI cannot be reached (administrative assistant, research assistant, etc.)
NAME:
PHONE:
E-MAIL (required):

Description of Grant Request: Please provide a 100-word executive summary with 5 underlined phrases for the planned project in the box below. State the broad, long-term objectives and specific aims, making reference to the health relatedness of the project. Describe concisely the design and methods for achieving these goals. Avoid summaries of past accomplishments and the use of the first person. This description is meant to serve as a succinct and accurate description of the proposed work when separated from the application.

DO NOT EXCEED THE SPACE PROVIDED.

STATEMENT OF CLINICAL/EDUCATIONAL RELEVANCE: Provide one paragraph (100-word limit) that explicitly and clearly describes how your research project will impact spine care. Describe how your project will change the way surgeons, patients/providers will think about spine care.

POTENTIAL STRATEGIES: If your project is successfully completed (e.g., hypotheses confirmed or aims achieved) specify how the information could be used to improve spine care.

SPECIALTY SOCIETY RELEVANCE: Please describe how your project applies to and ultimately benefits spine care.

Does your research apply particularly to any specific spine societies, organizations, patient segments, etc.?

In what way would this work ultimately benefit those parties?

PERFORMANCE SITE(S): (*organization, city, state*) Indicate where the work described in the Grant Request will be conducted. If there is more than one site, list all the sites.

KEY PERSONNEL: Use continuation pages as needed to provide the required information in the format shown below. Describe specific functions under justification on form Page EE.

Name	Organization	Role on Project
		Project Leader/Owner

STATEMENT ON DIVERSITY: Paradigm Spine recognizes a unique and compelling need to promote diversity in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences research community. We encourage efforts to diversify the workforce to lead to the recruitment of the most talented researchers from all groups; to improve the quality of the educational and training environment; to balance and broaden the perspective in setting research priorities; to improve the ability to recruit subjects from diverse backgrounds into clinical research protocols; and to improve the capacity to address and eliminate health disparities.

Address diversity issues to include racial and ethnic groups, gender and age, disabilities, and disadvantaged backgrounds, if applicable.
