

Grant for Supporting Innovation in Genomics and Proteomics

Our goal is to support innovation in genomics and proteomics research through the utilization of Covaris solutions to help our academic partners improve and save lives through the advancement of science. As a leading Biotech solutions provider, we want to foster a relationship with academia to support innovation in molecular biology and biochemistry that will lay the foundation for next generation diagnostics and focused treatment of diseases.

Grant Award

Covaris will provide up to five (5) \$100,000 grants in the form of Covaris product purchase credits. Awards must be utilized towards the purchase of a Covaris R230/ME220/LE220-plus Focused-ultrasonicator. Grantees must make the instrument purchase on or before December 31st, 2025. The purchase of any instruments, accessories or consumables shall be governed by and subject to the Covaris, LLC Terms and Conditions of Sale located at <https://www.covaris.com/terms-conditions/>. Any remainder value of the grant award after the instrument purchase may be utilized towards purchase of related accessories and consumables from Covaris. All grant fund credits must be expended on or before December 31st, 2025. Grant fund credits are not refundable, nontransferable, and may not be redeemed for cash value.

Eligibility Criteria

Your application must fulfill all the following criteria. Applications that do not fulfill each of the following criteria will not be evaluated for the grants:

- a. You are a researcher, lab scientist, PI, or MSc/Ph.D student in an academic institution within the United States that is described in Sections 170(c)(1) (government entities) or 170(c)(2) (charitable organizations) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- b. Your research project included in the application must include the use of:
 - A Covaris Focused-ultrasonicator
 - Covaris Consumables

In addition, your projects may include optional use of Covaris truCOVER Library Prep Kits or the use of truXTRAC® and/or truPREP® kits for extraction and/or isolation.

- c. Your research topic must be in life sciences in an area of genomics, somatic cells, proteomics, epigenetics, or any other life sciences research, including, but not limited to:
 - FFPE extraction methodologies (biomolecule isolation from FFPE tissues including single cell isolation)
 - DNA/RNA NGS or other molecular analysis
 - Drug formulation (chemical synthesis acceleration, micromixing)
 - Proteomics and cell lysis (proteome analysis)
 - Epigenetics and ChIP (Chromatin-structure and 3D and 4D interaction)
 - Biomarker discovery (blood, plasma etc.)
- d. By applying for this grant, you consent that you are not prohibited by employment, law, regulation, industry code of conduct or the policies or practices of your institution or employer from participating.
- e. You are not required to make any purchase from Covaris beforehand in order to enter or win the grant. Please note that a purchase or payment will not in any way impact your chances of winning the grant.

- f. Your planned research must have a starting date before December 1st, 2025.
- g. If you are awarded the grant, you must make the purchase of Covaris Focused-ultrasonicator supported by the grant before December 31st, 2025.
- h. Only one entry per applicant will be considered.
- i. Submissions must be in English.
- j. Submissions (including all attachments) will only be accepted via a filled application form emailed to covarisgrantmailbox@covaris.com
- k. By participating in the grant program, and in the event that you win the grant, you consent to the use of your photos, names, research details by Covaris for winner announcements and other communications related to the grant program, including but not limited to the Covaris website, Covaris social media channels and Covaris online events. The consent is necessary for processing the application and entering the grant program. You agree that you have the consent of your academic institution to this promotional requirement.
- l. You cannot be an employee or an immediate family member of Covaris, the Scientific Advisory board of New Mountain Capital, or the Covaris Grant Selection Committee.
- m. You are not an individual or entity classified as healthcare professionals or healthcare organizations under any applicable laws or industry codes of ethics. Covaris reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel any award to a grantee that could implicate the federal Anti-Kickback Statute or any other federal, state, or local fraud and abuse or similar statute or regulation.
- n. You are not a citizen or resident of Iran, Syria, Cuba, North Korea, and North Sudan and wherever this Program or acceptance of a grant is prohibited or restricted by law or subject to registration or other procedures with which Covaris may not have undertaken. If the preceding condition applies to you, you are ineligible to participate in the Program and shall be ineligible for any grant awarded in this Program.

Grant Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on scientific merit and strategic alignment with the Sponsor's areas of scientific research:

- a. Submitted Applications will be judged by the Covaris Grant Selection Committee. This panel that will be comprised of members of the Covaris External Advisory Committee and at least two external judges comprising independent and internationally recognized experts.
- b. Scoring of the project proposals for ranking and selection is based on the Merit of the Project (MP), to be calculated according to the following formula: $MP = 0.30 A + 0.35 B + 0.35 C$.
- c. The three evaluation criteria are:
 - Scientific merit of the research team
 - Scientific merit and innovative nature of the project
 - Nature of the requested resources
- d. The three criteria are scored using a 4-point scale system (1–minimum; 4–maximum) and each of the criteria is rated using this scale with whole numbers only. The final score of MP is rounded to two decimal places.
- e. Proposals that include personally identifiable information or patient data, or that propose to disclose personally identifiable information or patient data, will be excluded from consideration for participation in the Program.
- f. Up to five winners will be determined by a judging process outlined above.

How to Apply

In order to participate in the Covaris' 'Supporting Innovation in Genomics and Proteomics,' follow these steps:

Step 1: Download the application form provided on this page.

Step 2: Complete all fields in the application form.

- Fill the application form with details with the plan for projects that fulfill our eligibility criteria. All information required on the application form must be completed and provided in accordance with the instructions.
- Your application must fulfill all the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 2. Eligibility criteria are listed above.

Step 3: Submit your application.

- Email your completed application form to covarisgrantmailbox@covaris.com
- The application period starts June 2, 2025 at 12:01 AM EDT and ends July 31st, 2025 at 11:59 PM EDT. Applications received outside of this window will not be considered.
- Receipt of your submission will be confirmed by the grant office via email.

Step 4: Monitor announcement of grant results via the email address you provided on the application form.

- Up to five winners will be determined by a judging process outlined in Section 3 - Grant Selection Criteria.
- Decisions will be communicated at the end of August. You will be informed via email, if you are awarded the grant.

Step 5: Execution of grant

- The Covaris grant committee will contact the winners via email to enter into the required contract and selection order for instruments and any additional applicable purchases.
- Upon contract signature, the requested support will be granted.
- The grant committee will continue to communicate with the research team during the development of the awarded project.
- A final report is due to the Covaris grant team within the agreed time frame.

Please note that any financial support will be made in accordance with the local legislation.

Other Terms and Conditions

Applicants that are successful recipients of the grant shall be referred to as "Grant Recipient(s)." The following other terms and conditions will apply to the grant program:

- a. Applicant warrants that they have the authority to submit Applications and obtained any necessary permission to conduct the research.
- b. Affiliates, subsidiaries, distributors and other sales intermediaries, advertising, promotion, and fulfillment agencies of Covaris, are not eligible to participate.
- c. Determination of eligibility is at Covaris' sole discretion. The grant may be discontinued, modified, or withheld at any time, if in the judgment of Covaris, such action (i) is warranted because grant funds are not being used as required by this Program or (ii) is necessary to comply with the requirements of law, regulations or rulings.

- d. You agree to use the equipment and materials obtained through the grant award in a manner consistent with your application. You agree that Covaris may monitor and conduct a review of your project solely to confirm your use of the granted equipment and materials is consistent with the stated application materials. You also agree that no substantial variances to the project will be made from your application without the Covaris's prior approval in writing. If substantial variances occur, you must immediately notify Covaris and may be required to return all equipment and materials purchased with the grant funds.
- e. IN NO EVENT SHALL COVARIS BE LIABLE TO GRANT RECIPIENT FOR ANY LOSS OF USE, REVENUE OR PROFIT, LOSS OF DATA OR DIMINUTION IN VALUE, OR FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE) OR OTHERWISE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES WERE FORESEEABLE AND WHETHER OR NOT COVARIS HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE OF ANY AGREED OR OTHER REMEDY OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE. IN NO EVENT SHALL COVARIS HAVE ANY AGGREGATE LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS GRANT APPLICATION AND/OR GRANT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PURCHASE OF ANY EQUIPMENT, ACCESSORIES AND CONSUMABLES WITH GRANT FUNDS) WHETHER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE) OR OTHERWISE.
- f. Government Officials may not participate in this promotion. "Government Official" shall mean: (i) Any officer or employee of a government or any department, agency or instrument of a government; (ii) Any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of a government or any department, agency, or instrument of a government; (iii) Any officer or employee of a company or business, university or institution owned in whole or part by a government; (iv) Any officer or employee of a public international organization such as the World Bank or United Nations, the European Union or the World Health Organization; (v) Any officer or employee of a political party or any person acting in an official capacity on behalf of a political party; and/or (vi) Any candidate for political office. For purposes of this section, the foregoing shall not prohibit a researcher, lab scientist, PI, or MSc/Ph.D student in an academic institution within the United States that is described in Section 170(c)(1) (governmental entities), as set forth in the Eligibility Criteria, from participation in this promotion.
- g. This grant program shall not be construed in any manner to imply or create a relationship between Covaris and you and/or your academic institution as partners, joint ventures, or agents. You shall not act in any manner as Covaris' agent or representative and Covaris shall not act in any manner as your agent or representative. Neither Party shall have authority to make any statements, representations, or commitments of any kind, or to take any action which shall be binding on the other party, except as may be explicitly provided for herein or authorized in writing. You agree that the award of any grant does not entitle you to any future funding from Covaris. You may reapply at a later date for additional funding pursuant to any then ongoing grant programs.
- h. The terms of this grant program are non-negotiable, and you agree that in applying, you accept the terms of the program in the manner described herein. Any proposed changes to the program may, in the sole discretion of Covaris, render the applicant or grantee, as the case may be, ineligible for participation.
- i. Void where prohibited, licensed, or restricted by federal, state, provincial, or local laws, regulations, or agency/institutional policy.

Kindly contact us at covarisgrantmailbox@covaris.com for any questions on the grant process.

