

Foundation Up-date

The growth of IMDTRF since its inception has been amazing!

As of the Miami conference, we are planning on having 4 grant opportunities for those interested in pursuing research in MDT. They are:

1. The **Original Grant** which we have been funding since 2007. This mechanism is for original research which will require about a 2 year commitment for completion. The maximum request is for \$25,000 US. To date, we have funded 11 projects spending just over \$160,000 US. Our funding rate of proposals that go into review is about 48%. To our knowledge, these projects have resulted in at least 15 poster/platform presentations and 7 publications in peer-reviewed journals.
2. The **Continuation Grant** which we have been funding since 2013. This mechanism is to be used to help complete a research project or to help bring a project to the publishable state. It will fund items such as statistical analysis and publication fees. The maximum request is \$5,000 US. To date, we have funded 2 projects spending about \$5,800 US.
3. The **Robin McKenzie Endowed Grant**. We have been fund-raising for this mechanism since 2013. This program will be similar to a training grant format. The application details will be announced at the Miami Conference. Once the \$250,000 US endowment is reach, this mechanism will no longer accept donations. Also as soon as the fund-raising is complete, we will begin accepting applications for this mechanism.
4. The **Pete Wilde Scholarship** which is our newest mechanism. All proceeds from the Run in Miami will be allocated to this scholarship. The Foundation will need to raise a minimum of \$25,000 US within one year from the Miami Conference in order to continue this mechanism in perpetuity. Scholarships will be funded at a rate of 4% of the principle on an annual basis. If the full \$25,000 US is not raised within 1 year, then the principle will be spent down on yearly awards of about \$1,000 US. The details of this mechanism will be announced at the Miami conference.

Over the last 3 years, the operating expenses (excluding the grant awards) has not exceed 5% of the Foundation endowment. Therefore, in order to keep IMDTRF solvent, 5% of all donations will be allocated to a general operating fund.

Different 'Donation buttons' allow you to donate for the particular grant when you are using the credit card links [here](#).

We will be providing donation cards at the Miami Conference so that all donors can indicate their preferences. The Board of Directors looks forward to seeing everyone in Miami!!!