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Dear Colleague,

This letter serves to introduce the Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation and to notify you of **Education Grants** that the Foundation is offering to Pediatric Retina Fellows and/or Pediatric Retina Specialists within their first five years of practice.

Since 2006, the Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation has been working to support the medical community's efforts to investigate the causes of and to improve treatments for Coats' Disease, with the goal of finding a cure. We are offering **Education Grants** for junior Fellows and researchers to attend one of several conferences:

**2021 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)** meeting, May 1-7 (virtual);  
**2021 Advances in Pediatric Retina (APR) Course**, September 18-19 (virtual);  
**2021 Retina Society Meeting**, September 29-October 2, currently scheduled in Chicago  
**2021 American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)**, November 12-15, in particular, the retina subspecialty days on Nov. 12 & 13, currently scheduled in New Orleans

The Education Grants will support travel and registration to in-person conferences or registration fees to attend virtual conferences. By sponsoring new professionals to attend retina meetings, we hope to raise awareness about the Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation and to encourage research into this disease.

Our vision is to find a cure for Coats' Disease. To achieve this, the Foundation is committed to these three goals: Build Awareness of Coats' Disease; Fund Research; and Build Patient Resources, such as a **Doctor Directory of Coats' Disease clinicians**. We encourage all retina specialists who are experienced in treating Coats' to register with us at <https://coatsdiseasefoundation.org/doctor-directory-form/>. We offer Research Grants and have established the *Coats' Disease Patient Registry* for researchers to access. For further information on **Research Grant Opportunities**, please visit our website at <https://coatsdiseasefoundation.org/research/apply-for-a-grant/>

Please help us make your community aware of this opportunity. The application requirements and additional information about the Foundation and the Education Grants are included in this document.

We look forward to developing strong relationships with institutions such as yours as we see in you the hope for a future without Coats' Disease.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Hartnett

Mary Elizabeth Hartnett, M.D.  
Chair, Scientific Advisory Board



## Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation Education Grants

### 2021 Support to Attend Conferences

The Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation is pleased to announce registration fee support for Pediatric Retina Fellows or Pediatric Retina Specialists within their first five years of practice with the goal of encouraging and supporting research and improvements in care for Coats' Disease. These grants will support junior doctors with an interest in Coats' Disease research who need support for meeting attendance to present their work or be educated on the latest treatments and research. The grant may be used towards meeting registration for one of several conferences in 2021.

Priority will be given to applicants who are presenting a paper, poster, or abstract on Coats' Disease or other pediatric retinal disease research.

#### **Application Requirements:**

- Summary of Academic Background and Training (one paragraph) or a current CV.
- Description of your desired travel (including a timeline for when you will depart and return) and a detailed budget (e.g. transportation, lodging/accommodations, and per diem expenses). If attending a virtual conference, please indicate the registration fee total.
- Information about your current practice.
- Brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) detailing your experience and interest in Coats' Disease. Include (if applicable) any prior or ongoing research, publications, or presentations relevant to Coats' Disease.
- Brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) summarizing why attendance to the Conference would be meaningful. The summary may include how attendance may improve your understanding of Coats' Disease; allow you to network with current or potential future collaborators on Coats' Disease research; or allow you to present your current work.
- The application should be no more than 2 pages, single spaced, with one-inch margins and in Arial – 11 pts. or larger;
- Grant Recipients will be asked to provide a brief post-conference summary in writing and in video that includes the impact of attending the conference or meeting on their understanding of Coats' Disease and the current state of research on this Disease. **Please note: Summaries will be used by the Foundation to inform our supporters and donors of the value of this grant to your research and practice.**



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- The Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation must be acknowledged in reports, poster sessions, presentations, papers, and publications resulting from or supported by the Education Grant.

## General Information and Use of Funds:

- Recipients may receive up to \$1,000 to support travel and registration fees to attend in-person conferences. For virtual meetings, the grant will support meeting registration fees.
- Deadline for Applications for **ARVO**: **April 1, 2021 with grant notification by April 15**
- Deadline for Applications to **APR, Retina Society or AAO**: **June 1, 2021**
- Notification of Grant Awards for **APR, Retina Society, or AAO** will be by: **July 1, 2021**
- Applications must be in PDF format and submitted via e-mail to Dr. Deborah Marron, Executive Director, Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation ([deborahmarron@curecoats.org](mailto:deborahmarron@curecoats.org)). Additional questions about proposal submission, proposal content and review, or applicant eligibility may be addressed to Deborah Marron at the e-mail specified above.

## About the Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation

The Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation funds research to find a cure for Coats' Disease. The Foundation is the preeminent resource for Coats' Disease patients and their families. We serve as a hub for the Coats' Disease community who seek information about specialists who treat this rare disease and updates on the latest research in this disorder. The Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable Foundation that was established in 2006 by the parents of Jack McGovern as a promise to their son that they would never rest until there was a cure for Coats' Disease.

To learn more, visit <https://coatsdiseasefoundation.org/>