**VICHY EXPOSOME GRANT 7TH EDITION 2023**

**RESEARCH GRANTS TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

By participating in the VICHY EXPOSOME GRANT, the applicant unconditionally accepts and agrees to these Terms and Conditions.

1. **PRESENTATION**

The Vichy Exposome Grant set up by COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL, acting for its brand VICHY, consists of six regional research grants to promote and encourage research into the skin exposome.

The research grants are awarded to research projects originating from the following regions *i.e.*, 2 (two) grants for each area:

- Americas

- Europe

- Middle East / Africa / Asia / Oceania

1. **INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTION**

The Vichy Exposome Grant is open to **(1)** dermatologists only (including students in dermatology and residents), *i.e*.,the person in charge should be a dermatologist (see below application template section 2 “project leader”) **(2)** who have legal capacity and **(3)** residing in one of the following countries:

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| **Americas** | **Europe** | **Middle East / Africa / Asia / Oceania** |
| Argentina  Brazil  Canada  Chile  Colombia  Costa Rica  El Salvador  Guatemala  Mexico  Panamá  Paraguay  Uruguay  USA  Peru (since June 19th, 2023) | Austria  Belgium  Croatia  Czech Republic  Denmark  Finland  France  Germany  Greece  Hungary  Ireland  Israel  Italia  Netherlands  Norway  Poland  Portugal  Romania  Russia  Serbia  Slovakia  Slovenia  Spain  Sweden  Switzerland  Turkey  Ukraine  United Kingdom | Egypt  Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  United Arab Emirates  Qatar  Oman  Bahrain  Kuwait  Lebanon  Jordan  Iraq  Morocco  South Africa  South Korea  Singapore  Thailand  Vietnam  People's Republic of China  Hong Kong SAR  Taiwan  Australia |

**APPLICATION CONDITIONS**

* Applications must be written in English.
* Applications must consist of research projects in the field of exposome.
* Applications may include projects dealing with healthy skin, skin ageing and human conditions affecting the human skin and scalp.
* Applications may address aspects that are relevant to fundamental and/or clinical science.
* Applications may be conducted in any hospital, university, or other not-for-profit research institution.
* Applications related to projects that are completed will not be considered.
* Application will not be considered if they involve animal research or children below the age of six, or projects studying any product to be administered to human beings (including food supplements, herbal products, medical devices, medicinal or cosmetic products as well as any type of physical therapy or treatment).
* The jury cannot accept unclear applications or applications where information is missing.

The Vichy Exposome Grant may be used as additional funding. If so, it may be exclusively granted in combination with public funding. Research projects will not be eligible if they are partially funded, directly or indirectly, through any private company involved in the pharmaceutical, medical, or cosmetic field (including any competitor of COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL or any company involved in dermocosmetics research).

Each applicant warrants that the content of their applications is original and do not infringe the intellectual property rights and/or neighboring rights and/or image rights of any third party.

Each applicant agrees to indemnify COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL against any claim, complaint and/or action by third parties, of any nature whatsoever.

The application must include:

• A curriculum vitae

• The Exposome research proposal

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

Should contain: name, business address with telephone number and email address, education and training, current and past professional positions, list of most important publications in the past five years.

**No more than 3 pages.**

**EXPOSOME RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

The research proposal must be formatted according to the Vichy Exposome Grant Application Template located on the Vichy Exposome Grant website, “Apply now” section.

**No more than 6 pages.**

**PRIZE**

* The best application from each region will be awarded a €15,000 research grant by COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL.
* The second-best application will be awarded a €10,000 research grant by COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL.

The research grant must be used to accomplish the research project as described in section "12. Project funding" of the application. Indirect costs are excluded from the scope of the grant.

There's no formal limitation to the funding period, assumed that all the funds are dedicated to the described research project.

The applicant understands and agrees that the here above-mentioned financial amounts will be transferred from COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL to the university and/or entity they are affiliated with, to finance each respective awarded research project. The applicant commits to inform accordingly the university and/or in particular from his/her professional governing body and/or entity they are affiliated with, and to get their respective consent to facilitate such process. For French applicants, the research grant must obtain the prior approval of the CNOM.

An official announcement of the awardees will be made by COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL in October 2023 during the 32nd EADV Congress. The decision of the jury, based on the mentioned here-below assessment criteria, is unilateral and shall not be contested.

Each participant authorize COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL and, more generally, the L’Oréal Group, to use their name, country and application main information (title and abstract of the research project) on a dedicated webpage (<https://www.lorealdermatologicalbeauty.com/>), as part of the Exposome Grant Alumni Community.

The Exposome Grant Alumni Community is a webpage gathering all applicants research projects in order to create a community of Exposome Grant applicants and give the applicants an opportunity to connect together and interact on common research projects.

1. **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

The following criteria are considered for the purpose of evaluating the application:

Nature of project

* Project topic: relevance for skin exposome research
* Focus on interaction of different factors or on multiple exposome factors
* Originality of the research
* Scientific quality of the research and methodology

Feasibility of project

* Research location & equipment
* Regulatory status, according to local regulatory and ethics policy
* Level of funding to be able to complete the research project
* Schedule: planning of project launch and planning of result publication

Quality of the application

* Clarity of project aims
* Clarity of information provided
* Overall quality of the presentation of the project

Experience of applicant

* Scientific expertise of applicant (based on previous publication) and team involved in the project
* Ability to conduct the research project
* Experience or background on skin exposome research

Global mark for the project

* Relevance
* Potential to advance knowledge on & understanding of the skin exposome

1. **APPLICATION TEMPLATE**

Before proceeding with the completion of your application, we kindly ask you to complete the below self-assessment form to make sure that your application falls within the scope of the Vichy Exposome Grant.

Please note that a **NO** to one of the following items will exclude the application from jury evaluation.

*I hereby confirm that my application complies with the following (please choose the adequate answer):*

* The research project falls within the field of exposome and the human skin or scalp.
  + Yes / No
* The research project has not been completed yet.
  + Yes / No
* The research project doesn’t involve animal research.
  + Yes / No
* The research project doesn’t involve pediatric population under 6.
  + Yes / No
* The research project doesn’t investigate any product used by or administered to human beings.
  + Yes / No
* The research project does comply with local regulatory and ethics policy.
  + Yes / No
* The research project is not financially supported, even partially, by any private company involved in the pharmaceutical, medical, or cosmetic field.
  + Yes / No

Applications should be written in English on **6 pages maximum**.

1. **Project Title**
2. **Project Leader**

Person in charge:

Position:

Institution (Hospital, University…):

Address:

Country:

Phone:

Email:

Website (if applicable):

1. **Project Summary** (15 lines maximum)
2. **Backgrounds** (50 lines maximum)
3. **Specific aims of the project** (20 lines maximum)
4. **Approach and methodology** (50 lines maximum)
5. **References** (please select the most representative ones, 15 references maximum)
6. **Regulatory status & requirements, if any** (Information on project compliance with local ethics and regulatory requirements) (10 lines maximum)
7. **Presentation of the team involved in the project** (please state names, positions, institutions, address, phone, email, website…) (10 lines maximum)
8. **Research location(s)** (Information on research location and equipment involved in the project) (10 lines maximum)
9. **Project schedule** (10 lines maximum)
10. **Project funding** (Information on global cost of the project and modality of the funding) (20 lines maximum)