

The Initiative for Humanizing Medicine is pleased to announce a call for

**Micro Grants to Humanize Patient Experience**

IHM Vision and Mission:

*Vision:* American healthcare systems deliver humanized care wherein each patient is understood, respected, treated with dignity, and shown compassion.

*Mission:* To establish Johns Hopkins Medicine as the exemplar by creating an Institute for Humanizing Medicine that will support a community who will disseminate innovative strategies and policies that transform and humanize healthcare.

Micro Grants Purpose:

Micro Grants are intended to support creative projects led by multidisciplinary teams to improve patient experience in our health system. Funds may be used to support a range of activities or products that enhance patient and family comfort, convenience, communication, information and education, or the overall patient experience.

Submission Deadline:

January 31, 2024

Funding:

Awards up to \$1500.

Award Announcement:

Awards will be announced within eight weeks of the application deadline.

Post-award requirements:

All Micro Grant recipients will be required to provide a brief progress report six months after the award, describing the project implementation, cost and impact using a similar story structure.

Review Criteria:

We will review applications with a multi-disciplinary team of reviewers. Applications will be scored for potential benefit, feasibility and overall impact. Those wherein the patient is better understood, respected, treated with dignity, and shown compassion will be prioritized for funding.

\*\*While research projects are not precluded, we hope that submissions will be focused on actions or initiatives to “humanize” the patient care experience as the measure of quality improvement.

## Application:

To apply, please fill out the application at this [link](#).

### General Information:

- Name
- Job title
- Email address
- Phone number
- Unit/Clinic/Department
- Supervisor's name
- Supervisor's email
- Letter of approval of the project signed by supervisor

We challenge you to start to tell a compelling story about your project using a story structure in the 5 milestones format. The word limit is 1,000 words.



1. Title of Project
2. The team (multidisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged)
3. The setup: Which patients are involved and experiencing a suboptimal experience?
4. Inciting Incident: What is the problem or issue driving the project?
5. 1<sup>st</sup> challenge: What do you plan to do? Briefly describe your project, innovation or plan. How much money do you need (the budget)? Please provide an itemized list for all project components.
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> challenge: What non-financial difficulties might you encounter? How will you address them?
7. Climax: Describe how this project, innovation or plan will help patients (and/or families). How many people will this project help?
8. Resolution: How will you know that your project worked? How will you evaluate if/how it made a difference?
9. If the project involves doing something new or different in a clinical setting, please include a letter confirming "approval" to move forward with idea if funded.