

Concept papers include:

- **Project title**
- A **cover letter** written by a senior officer of the applying organization or from the department chair to which the principal investigator is assigned. The letter should include a brief introduction to the investigator(s), the goals of their research, and why they believe this project is a fit with The Gerber Foundation. (maximum 2 pages uploaded as a pdf)
- **Type of subject:** human, animal or other. Drop down boxes will appear based on selection for further detail, such as the number to be studied and age range.
- **Length** of study (Maximum 3 years)
- Estimated **requested amount** (Non-itemized. Limit \$350,000 on grants with no more than \$125,000/year. Limit of \$20,000 on Novice research grants)
- Estimated **total cost** (This may be more than the requested amount if other funds will be used to complete all objectives.)
- **Planned outcome** of study or expected outcomes: Describe how results will benefit clinical practice (how a practitioner will use the information) and provide a projection of the number of years before findings may be put into place in clinical practice. Describe how expected outcomes will improve the health and/or nutrition of infants and young children. (2500 characters or about 1/4 page). Note: Cover current practice and how it should be improved, what the ideal scenario looks like, and how this study will move care in that direction.
- **Background** information: Describe any background information available on the topic, prior studies, need for this study, etc. (2500 characters or about 1/4 page)
- **Hypothesis(es)** to be tested. (2500 characters or about 1/4 page)
- **Study design:** Identify the type of design – randomized, observational, proof of concept, etc.
- **Study protocol:** Describe the basic design of the study, including information about study groups, measures and sample collection, time points of collection, and primary outcomes to be evaluated. This is the most important section and should be the primary focus of the concept paper. (7500 characters or about 1.5 pages)
- There is a place to add additional information if an explanation is required for specific items in the concept paper. Pdf upload