

Knights Templar Research Endowment

*The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (KTEF) **Research Endowment** must be consistent with the KTEF mission.*

“to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care”

Purpose of Research Endowment:

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. has a specific interest in clinical or basic research on conditions that are potentially preventable or correctable forms of blindness in infants and children.

The purpose of the Research Endowment is to provide additive support to promote a robust research program.

Please review the following criteria to ensure that your institution meets the requirements of the Knights Templar Research Endowed Program.

Qualifications of Institution:

- The recipient institution should have a national and international reputation as a premier academic medical center.
- The recipient institution should have a national and international reputation specifically in pediatric ophthalmology, including research, training, education and patient care.
- The institution must match the funds awarded by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (KTEF) for the Research Endowment, dollar for dollar.
- The institution will be the recipient of the endowment income used to support the research within a division / department dedicated to addressing childhood blindness. The institution must communicate to the KTEF what the major research focus is for division / department and why it was selected. It also needs to have a biography of the person that oversees the research program.

- The institution must guarantee that the KTEF endowment will be permanently ongoing and will be used exclusively for supporting research. This means that the endowment income can only be used for.
 - Post-doctoral fellows
 - Research assistants
 - Data analysis (statisticians)
 - Grant submission scientific editors/writers)
 - Clinical trial coordinators
 - Equipment and supplies supporting the research.
 - Because the endowment is supporting all faculty, the KTEF Research Endowment program would be credited for all papers published from the division / department.

- Annually, as of June 30th, the institution must issue to the KTEF a report on the activities that were supported through the Research Endowment Program within the institution along with a detailed financial report showing the KTEF and the institutions contributions to the Endowment Fund.
 - Reports are due in the KTEF office no later than July 15th. (Office address: ***3201 Cross Timbers Road, Bldg 4, Suite 300, Flower Mound, TX, 75028***)
 - These reports are presented at the Knights Templar Eye Foundation annual board meeting the first week of August.

- The institution must ensure that its endowment partnership with the KTEF is clearly and publicly visible, including:
 - Displaying, in a permanent manner in the institution the entity of the endowed KTEF program.
 - It must acknowledge the KTEF Research Endowment when publishing or presenting material related to the research support.

- The institution is aware that the KTEF is sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar; a men's, Christian, Masonic Fraternal Organization. Should the mission of the institution change or should the institution fail to acknowledge or recognize the Research Endowment partnership, the institution is in breach of the agreement. In the event of a breach of the agreement, the institution must immediately return Research Endowment principal received by the institution to the KTEF.