

ICDD GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM

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One of the ICDD's main objectives is to expand the range of material references by archiving or producing high quality reference diffraction patterns. To further this effort, the ICDD supports a well-developed program of grants to researchers around the world. Each year the ICDD extends financial support to qualified investigators, in the form of Grant-in-Aid awarded on a competing proposal basis, for the preparation of reference powder diffraction data. The duration of a Grant-in-Aid is 12 months with two grant cycles per year. Cycle I begins 1 April and Cycle II begins 1 October.

Benefits offered to grantees are:

- Financial support to aid current research
- Publication of pattern(s) in the Powder Diffraction File™ (PDF®) if accepted by the Editorial Department
- Receive calibration standards
- Purchase certain ICDD products at reduced prices
- Web-based access to the list of compounds in the ICDD master database includes published patterns as well as patterns still in the editorial process
- First-time grantees receive a complimentary one-year subscription to the *Powder Diffraction Journal*

As a result of the ICDD Grant-in-Aid Program, we have received 30,361+ data entries to date, with a total of 29,100 data entries published as of 2017. In addition, a new targeted grant for pharmaceuticals was initiated in 2013. This targeted grant has resulted in 88 new pharmaceutical entries published as of 2017.