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VIA EMAIL: <a href="mailto:yh727@cornell.edu">yh727@cornell.edu</a>

Dear Yuexing,

Thank you for resubmitting a proposal to the Fall 2025 CCSS Qualitative and Interpretive Research Institute Small Research Grant competition. Your proposal, *Beyond Single Exchanges:* A Multi-Turn LLM Agent in Cancer Patient Education, was among many competitive submissions received this year. I appreciate the time and effort you gave to your proposal, as well as the opportunity to review your work.

The CCSS Qualitative and Interpretive Research Institute is pleased to award \$2,000 toward your project. A single transfer will be made directly to you through the Office of the Bursar following successful A-Exam completion. Please provide proof of A-Exam completion to facilitate posting the funds on your account.

Please be advised that all funds must be used within one year of the award date. You are also required to: (1) submit to me at quiri@cornell.edu a brief, final report on the use of the funds and the outcome of the research by December 1, 2026, and (2) acknowledge support by the CCSS Qualitative & Interpretive Research Institute in all presentations or publications that result from the funded research.

Here is additional information relevant to your award:

- *Funding limitations*: CCSS grant funds are subject to the same restrictions as any other university spending.
  - O If your budget includes travel, you must follow Cornell's policy and finance guidelines including possible travel restrictions if policies shift over the year. (Visit Faculty/Staff Travel Guidelines for more information.) Should your grant funds be used for permitted international travel, you must register your trip using the Cornell International Travel Registry. If travel is restricted, you may rely on your backup plan for the funds as outlined in your proposal.
  - o CCSS grant funds for research projects do not cover conference travel.
  - o If the PI terminates study at Cornell, the remaining funds should be returned to the CCSS.

• *Human Subjects:* If your research involves human subjects, before accessing funds from your departmental account, you'll need to apply for an IRB decision, receive written IRB approval or exemption, and provide that documentation to your department's financial administrator.

I wish you good luck as you advance your project and encourage you to consider sharing it at a future CCSS/QuIRI event when possible.

Sincerely,

Jenny Goldstein

Cc: Dayra Lascano, Katie Anderson