



Request for Applications: 2017 Research Accelerator Grants

RFA Released: May 1, 2017

Applications Due: October 3, 2017 and/or April 3, 2018

Introduction

The Autism Science Foundation invites applications for its Research Accelerator Grants. These grants are designed to expand the scope, speed the progress or increase the efficiency and improve final product dissemination of active autism research grants. The funding is not meant to fully support a project and projects that do not fit the goal of the mechanism or that do not adhere to the proposal preparation instructions will be returned without review.

Awards

Autism Science Foundation will make a number of Awards determined by its available financial resources. The term of the award cannot exceed the IRB approval period on the underlying or primary grant.

Grants of up to \$5000 are available to enhance, expand and enrich grants currently funded by other sources (including ASF). Staff salary may be covered by this award. All projects must have prior IRB approval. No portion of these funds shall be used to cover indirect university costs.

Proposal Preparation

Proposals should be no more than 3 pages written in 12-point arial font and should have margins of 0.5 inch or greater. A cover letter including the full name and contact information of both the PI of the accelerator grant and the PI of the parent grant (if applicable) must be included. The applicant's last name must appear on all pages of the application. The application must include the current grant name, scope, number, and funding source. **In bold, describe in 2-3 sentences how the enhancement funds will enrich and accelerate the current or primary project.** Indicate the exact dollar amount you are applying for and specify exactly how the funds will be spent.

Be creative in your use of these funds. Check our website for examples of the types of projects we fund with these grants.

The file sent to ASF should be in one PDF and be ordered as follows:

1. Cover page – 1 page
2. Proposal – up to 3 pages
3. References – this should be no longer than 1 page
4. Biosketch

Include an NIH biosketch for the PI of the accelerator grant. If the PI of the accelerator is not the PI of the parent grant, you are required to include a letter of commitment from the PI of the parent grant acknowledging use of data or resources.

Post-doctoral fellows applying for an accelerator grant may submit a letter of recommendation if desired. Tenured academic appointees and others should not submit letters of recommendation.

Letters of support/recommendation may be sent in different emails but should include the PI's last name and purpose of the email.

Submission of Proposals

- Proposals should be submitted as PDF document or Microsoft Word document to grants@autismsciencefoundation.org with the subject line (Last Name/Institution/Enhancement Grant Application).
Example: Martin/Tulane/Enhancement Grant Application

Letters of recommendation (only from pre and postdoctoral fellows) should be sent by email to grants@autismsciencefoundation.org. Please ask your recommender to use the subject line (Applicant last name/Institution/Letter of Recommendation).
Example: Martin/Tulane/Letter of Recommendation.

- Successful electronic submission will be confirmed by email notification to the sender.
- **We will collect these applications twice per year. Current deadlines are October 3, 2017 and April 3, 2018.**

Proposals received after a due date will be evaluated in the next round of applications. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the proposal complies with the conditions prescribed in the RFA. Autism Science Foundation reserves the right to return without review any proposal found not to be in compliance with the conditions prescribed on the RFA, or any proposal that is not responsive to its research goals or exceeds its funding limits or available resources, at any time during the application and review process.

Autism Science Foundation reserves the right to make changes to this RFA at any time. Changes will be posted at www.autismsciencefoundation.org/ApplyForaGrant.html. We advise applicants to check this website frequently.

Award notifications will be made in December, 2017 and June, 2018

Payment of Awards

Upon notification of award, we will require a copy of the underlying project's IRB approval letter. Upon receipt of the IRB letter by ASF, we will issue a contract to the investigator's sponsoring institution and make a single payment of the full amount.

Awardees must submit a brief written report to the Autism Science Foundation at the conclusion of the award, documenting the status of the research funded and detailing the use of funds. All forms can be found on

<http://autismsciencefoundation.org/what-we-fund/resources-for-grantees/>

Questions about proposal submission, proposal content and review, or applicant eligibility should be addressed to Casey Gold, Director of Operations, Autism Science Foundation. (cgold@autismsciencefoundation.org)