



Request for Applications: 2015 Research Accelerator Grants

RFA Released: July 6, 2015

Applications Due: October 2, 2015 and/or April 1, 2016

Introduction

The Autism Science Foundation invites applications for its Research Accelerator Grants. These grants are designed to expand the scope, increase the efficiency and improve final product dissemination of active autism research grants.

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 grant.

Grants of up to \$5000 are available to enhance, expand, facilitate and/or 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

The proposal should include:

- 1 page title page
- 2 page proposal
- Letter of support by PI (if needed)
- Letter of recommendation (if required)

The application should be written in 12-point arial font and should have margins of 0.5 inch or greater. Use of smaller or difficult to read fonts may result in the proposal being returned without review. **The applicant's last name must appear on all pages of the application.** The application title page must include the project title, the current grant name, number, and funding source along with complete and accurate contact information for the applicant. **The 2 page proposal must describe how the enhancement funds will enrich the existing study** 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 (<http://www.autismsciencefoundation.org/current-grantees-0#Mini>) for examples of the types of projects we fund with these grants.

Do not submit a bibliography.

If the applicant is not the PI on the existing grant, a PI or co-PI should write a brief letter acknowledging that they support and endorse the submitted project idea and that resources such as access to samples, data, biosamples, etc. will be made available to the applicant. Letters must be dated and signed and include full contact information for the supporting PI.

Pre- and post-doctoral fellows may submit a letter of recommendation if desired. Letters should include the date and name of the applicant. Tenured or tenure-track academic appointees and others should not submit letters of recommendation.

Submission of Proposals

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

Letters of recommendation (only from pre and post doctoral 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 2, 2015 and April 1, 2016.**

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, 2015 and June, 2016

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. A template will be provided by the Autism Science Foundation for this purpose.

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