

TEXAS ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS FOUNDATION

Research Project Grant Information Sheet

The purpose of the TAFP Foundation Research Grant Program is to support research of benefit to family medicine. To be eligible to receive a TAFP Foundation research grant, the principal investigator must be a family physician in Texas or plan to conduct the research in Texas at one of the following locations:

- A family medicine residency program
- A department of family medicine
- A family medicine organization or association; or
- A family medicine office

Preference will be given to TAFP members when the principal investigator is eligible for membership. Due to the limitation of funds available, the Foundation will usually fund only one active study for any particular PI at a time. Educational presentations with pre- and post-evaluations are not considered research. The Foundation only funds research that has not been completed at the time of submission; we do not fund research retroactively.

PROCEDURE

The grant application must be completed and submitted electronically in the format described in the application outline found below.

Prior to the semi-annual meeting of the Foundation Research Grants Committee, the application will be sent to each member of the committee for review and determination of funding.

The application will be reviewed based upon the following criteria:

- Relevance to family medicine
- Quality of the study design
- Appropriateness of data analysis
- Cost vs. benefit to family medicine

If the application is part of a matching funds grant, the TAFP Foundation application should include a copy of the grant application to the other granting agency as well as a copy of the award notice from the other agency. The Foundation prefers to fund standalone projects, which include those that could be considered pilot projects to be used to seek greater funding from other sources in the future. The Foundation is less inclined to fund requests to fill in budgetary gaps from other research sponsors.

FUNDING INFORMATION

Most research-related expenses are allowed if properly justified. Salary support for the principal investigator is allowed. The budget may include travel funding for presentation of study results; however, it should be less than 10% of the total grant request. Support is not allowed for purchasing computer equipment, but the budget can include incremental costs for software used to conduct or analyze the data. In addition, TAFP Foundation funding can only be used to support the direct costs of the research. TAFP Foundation funds cannot be used for indirect costs. Re-budgeting of funds is allowable with the approval of the TAFP Foundation.

Funding is limited to one (1) year. The maximum amount awarded will not exceed \$10,000. If Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval was not obtained prior to the submission of the application, grant funds will not be released until notification of the IRB approval is received by the TAFP Foundation. However, receipt of IRB approval is not necessary prior to grant submission.

INVESTIGATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the responsibility to conduct the project as described in the application, the investigator is responsible for the accuracy of the data and any reports resulting from the research. The investigator is also responsible for how the funds are actually used and for meeting all TAFP Foundation requirements. In addition, the investigator must:

1. Provide the Research Grant Committee with a status report March 1 and October 1 of each year that the project is active indicating the current status of the project and any changes in procedure or timetable anticipated.
2. Acknowledge the TAFP Foundation grant support in the final report and any resulting publications.
3. Reimburse the TAFP Foundation for any funds not used for the project.
4. Reimburse the TAFP Foundation in the amount of the grant if the project leads to the development of a marketable product which renders profit. If profit totals less than the amount of the grant, the investigator will reimburse the total amount of the profits.
5. Provide a one-page executive summary report or abstract for publication in TAFP communications at the completion of the project. This is a technical report and should not compromise your ability to publish in a medical journal.

DEADLINES

<u>Application</u>	<u>Funding Begins</u>	<u>First Report</u>	<u>Second Report</u>
March 1	May 1	October 1	March 1
October 1	December 1	March 1	October 1

SUBMISSION

Submit all materials electronically to the following address:

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Application for Research Project Grant

A. PROJECT TITLE

List the complete title of the project.

B. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

List the name, title, address, email address, and telephone number of the person charged with oversight of the proposed project, and any co-investigators. Please indicate where the research will be conducted and if it is affiliated with a residency program or department of family medicine at a medical school.

C. HUMAN SUBJECTS

If activities involving human subjects are not planned at any time during the proposed study period, check the space marked "NO." If activities involving human subjects, whether or not exempt from regulations, are planned at any time during the proposed study period, check the space marked "YES." If the activities are designated to be exempt from regulation, insert the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed on the description of human subjects regulations in PHS document #398.

☐ NO ☐ YES
 (If "YES") Exemption #s _____
 or
 IRB approval date: _____

Assurance of compliance #

D. OUTLINE OF SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT

List timetable for accomplishing specific objectives. State proposed start and finish dates. Explain the anticipated duration of the project. In the case of long-term or continued efforts, explain how the project would continue after grant monies expire.

E. TOTAL COST OF PROJECT/AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTED

List the total estimated cost of the project and the total grant amount requested.

F. DETAILED BUDGET

List breakdown of project costs and separately list amounts to be contributed by other funding sources. Budget should list expenses as follows:

1. Personnel
2. Consultants
3. Travel
4. Equipment
5. Supplies
6. Miscellaneous

Each item must be justified. (How did you arrive at each figure?)

G. ABSTRACT

- Study Purpose:
- Study Design (e.g. survey, cohort, randomized clinical trial):
- Subjects and Setting:
- Intervention (if any):
- Outcome Measures:

H. APPLICATION ORGANIZATION/AFFILIATION

In addition to listing the complete name of the organization and address, applicants must list the name, title, and telephone number of the organization's director (i.e. Board President, Executive Director, Department Chairman, etc.).

I. NAME, TITLE, AND SIGNATURE

Provide names, titles of individuals authorized to commit to the organization, and study site to participate in the project and agree to award conditions if grant is approved.

J. STUDY DESCRIPTION (Should not exceed ten total pages)

1. Statement of purpose/goals/objectives/needs assessment

Define the purpose of the project, specific goals and objectives that will measure the project's success, and an explanation of the needs of problems it is intended to address. Substantiate needs with documentation, via letters of need, references, etc.

2. Description of related work by others or yourself

Explain how the project will expand or complement the efforts of others or yourself to solve the problem or meet previously stated needs. Include relevant unpublished pilot studies you have completed.

3. Experimental design and methods

Outline the experimental design and the procedures to be used to accomplish the goals of the project. Include the means by which data will be collected, analyzed, and interpreted. If human subjects are to be used, specify the target population, how subjects will be selected, whether Spanish-speaking subjects will be included, and the anticipated sample size. Explain how effectiveness of the project will be measured. What criteria or indicators will be used in this evaluation? What specific results are expected?

4. Analysis

Justify the sample size chosen and describe your plan for analyzing results.

5. Study site and resources

Describe the study site to be used and the necessary resources you have to complete the study.

6. Instruments to be used

Attach a copy of the instruments to be used to the proposal.

K. BENEFITS OF THE PROJECTS (One paragraph is recommended)

Explain who will benefit from the project. How will the results of this project be communicated to those who will benefit from it?

L. REFERENCE CITED

M. APPENDIX (if applicable)

Include supporting letters, documents, resumes, references, Institutional Review Board approval, informed consent form (if applicable), and survey instruments.