



GENERAL GRANT PROGRAM PACKET



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Dear Prospective NATA Foundation Grant Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the NATA Research & Education Foundation Grants Program. The NATA Foundation leadership is pleased to offer a program that offers financial support for research. We are excited about the tremendous potential for growth in our profession that will be derived from your efforts. As you read the attached information, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the process.

Each year, the NATA Foundation provides funds for exceptional research projects submitted to the General Grant Program. Applications are solicited through a pre-proposal process for both the General Grant Program and in response to any active Requests for Proposals (RFPs) that have been issued. Grant awards in the General Grant Program for multi-year projects are limited to a maximum of \$50,000 TOTAL in direct costs over the entire grant period (no more than three years). The NATA Foundation permits indirect costs up to 15% of the total direct costs.

This grant program is highly competitive. The acceptance rate for pre-proposals is approximately 50% and the funding rate for full proposals is approximately 15%. Information and guidelines for grant applications submissions in any category are available on the NATA Foundation website.

Information and guidelines for submission of grant applications under any category are available at www.natafoundation.org, or you may contact Skylar Gorman, NATA Foundation Development Associate at 972.532.8826 or via email at skylarg@nata.org. If you prefer, please feel free to contact me for clarification.

We look forward to your participation in our grant program! Good luck in your efforts.

Sincerely,

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**GENERAL GRANT PROGRAM
PRE-PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

(Not required for Doctoral or Master's Grant Program applicants)

The NATA Foundation requires investigators interested in submitting a grant application to the NATA Foundation to first submit a "pre-proposal." The purpose of the pre-proposal is to optimize the time invested by investigators and by the NATA Foundation Research Committee in writing and reviewing grant proposals, respectively. The pre-proposal allows the Research Committee to evaluate whether or not the proposed research project is a potential candidate for funding.

The Research Committee will evaluate the pre-proposal for subject matter (topic and hypotheses) and for research design/methodology. Based on this evaluation, the committee will either invite the submission of a full proposal or indicate that the proposed project is not of interest. **An invitation to submit a full proposal does not imply a commitment to funding.** It does, however, indicate that the topic is of potential interest to the NATA Foundation and that the general research design seems reasonable based on the information provided in the pre-proposal.

The submission deadline for all full proposals is February 15 annually. After a pre-proposal is accepted, the author has two years from the date of acceptance to submit a full proposal. If this deadline is not met, a new pre-proposal must be submitted.

Any commitment to funding may occur only after a detailed review of the full proposal by the Research Committee and formal approval of the project by the NATA Foundation Board of Directors. If the proposed project is **not** of interest to the NATA Foundation, the committee will provide a brief notice indicating the general category of reason(s). Due to the large volume of pre-proposals submitted, detailed feedback will **not** be provided.

GENERAL GRANT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES & GENERAL INFORMATION

Introduction

The National Athletic Trainers' Association Research & Education Foundation provides financial support for exceptional research that advances the knowledge base for the practice of athletic training. Specific questions regarding the application or review process should be directed to the NATA Foundation Research Committee Chair (see cover letter for contact information). Funding for work already in progress will not be considered. Grant awards in the General Grant Program for multi-year projects are limited to a maximum of \$50,000 in direct costs over no more than three years. The NATA Foundation will allow indirect costs up to 15% of the total direct costs.

Who May Submit a Proposal?

Any health care professional, researcher, or educator may apply for a research grant. Priority consideration will be given to research proposals that include a BOC-certified athletic trainer as an integral member of the research team.

When to Submit a Proposal?

The submission and review process for the General Research Grant Program has two main steps. First, a pre-proposal may be submitted for review at any time (see "Instructions for Pre-proposal" above). Applicants should receive the results of this review within six-eight weeks after the pre-proposal is received.

Applicants with approved pre-proposals are invited to submit full proposals (see "Grant Application Instructions"). The General Research Grant Program has one cycle ending February 15. All full proposals received by that date will be reviewed as a group in late April, early May.

Indirect Cost Policy

Grant monies may be used to pay indirect (overhead) costs. The NATA Foundation will pay up to an additional 15% of the total direct costs of the project as indirect costs.

Obligations

The Principal Investigator(s) of NATA Foundation-funded grants must:

1. Assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination while receiving assistance from the NATA Foundation.
2. Submit a Free Communications abstract in accordance with provisions of the *Call for Abstracts* and present findings from the funded project at the NATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia in the year following completion of the study. A Co-Principal Investigator (identified as such in the original Research Grant Application) may present, with prior approval of the Research Committee Chair.
3. Ensure that any agency associated with the conduct of the project will subscribe to and adhere to the guidelines for nondiscrimination, reporting obligations and use of funds associated with this award.
4. Submit a formal written request to the NATA Foundation for any proposed modifications to the original application, and ensure that written approval is granted by the NATA Foundation, prior to implementation of any such proposed modifications.

5. Submit reports to the NATA Foundation, as stipulated in the Grant Award Contract.

Proposal Review Process

The NATA Foundation Research Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending funding of research proposals to the NATA Foundation Board of Directors. Review panels are comprised of NATA members and subject matter experts from other professions. The general procedure for review is as follows:

1. The NATA Foundation Research Committee Chair and Vice Chair for Grants will screen applications for completeness and adherence to application guidelines, and prepare them for distribution to designated review panel members. Proposals not following the application instructions will be returned to the investigator without review.
2. The review panel for each proposal will consist of one Research Committee member and up to three additional content expert reviewers. Evaluation will be based on the quality of the application, the study's potential impact on the athletic training profession and the application's scientific merit.
3. The NATA Foundation Research Committee meets annually to rank grant applications that have been reviewed and recommends exceptional proposals to the NATA Foundation Board of Directors for funding.

The review process is conducted for each individual proposal and includes evaluation of the general merits of the proposal without regard to any quotas. The basic criteria for evaluating the research proposals will be associated with, but not limited to, the following general considerations:

1. The extent to which the desired outcome of the project is clear, specific and attainable.
2. The extent to which the proposal will impact the athletic training profession.
3. The extent to which the project is part of ongoing research, usually demonstrated by evidence of concurrent funding, existing Institutional Review Board approvals and past publication record.
4. The extent to which the procedures described in the proposal are likely to achieve the purpose of the project. Areas of specific consideration include appropriate methodological design, procedures for data collection and statistical analysis.
5. The extent to which the facilities and personnel are sufficient to promote/support the completion of the project.

Notification of Award

In late July, the Research Committee Chair will send letters to all principal investigators indicating the outcomes of their proposal(s). If approved, a check will be sent to the sponsoring institution's grants and contracts office after the grant award contract has been fully executed and processed. For single year grants, the total is sent at one time. For multi-year grants, funds are sent annually.