

The American Foundation for Addiction Research

Research Grants Program

Funding Considerations

Priority Areas

The American Foundation For Addiction Research (AFAR) is dedicated to fostering scientific research, understanding and disseminating knowledge of the causes and nature of addictive disorders. The Foundation is currently focusing on the following priority areas in research.

1. **The Neurochemistry of Addictions - our long-term goal is to help generate a map to addictions and the brain**
 - A. DNA factors in the etiology of addictions
 - B. shared neurochemistry of addictions and addiction interaction
 - C. functional models of relapse prevention based on neurobiological and neurochemical processes
 - D. treatment processes which reflect new knowledge of multiple addictions

2. **Sexual Addiction - our long-term goal is to establish diagnostic criteria for sexual addiction**
 - A. the etiology of sexual addiction
 - B. the impact of cybersex
 - C. the neurochemistry of sexual addiction
 - D. the relationship of sex addiction and sex offending
 - E. sex addiction and authority relationships
 - F. the behavioral constellations of sex addiction
 - G. the assessment of sex addiction

3. **Family Systems - our long-term goal is to understand the role of couples and families in recovery**
 - A. the nature of codependency as a diagnostic entity
 - B. effectiveness of family and couples treatment
 - C. effectiveness of family and couple education
 - D. effectiveness of family and couple recovery groups

4. **Trauma and Addiction - our long-term goal is to discern how trauma affects addictive disorders**
 - A. coincidence of trauma and addiction
 - B. impact of trauma on neurobiology/neurochemistry of addictive disorders
 - C. integration of trauma and addiction treatment

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Funding Considerations (cont.)

Eligibility

Grant proposals from both institutions and individuals will be considered. Applications may be submitted by domestic for-profit and non-profit organizations, public and private institutions (such as universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories), units of state and local government, and eligible agencies of the Federal government.

If human subjects are involved in the research project, applicants must be associated with an university, hospital or other organization which has an established human subjects ethics review committee with formalized protocols and procedures.

Unsolicited proposals will be accepted.

Availability and Disbursement of Funds

The range of AFAR grants is \$10,000 to \$175,000. One half of the approved grant funding will be provided at the beginning of the grant period. One fourth will be dispersed after the submission of a satisfactory six-month interim project report. The final fourth will be available after the satisfactory completion of the research study.

Award Criteria

Applications will compete for available funds with all other approved applications. The following criteria will be considered in funding decisions:

- Quality of proposed project as determined by peer review
- Proposed project's match with AFAR's priority areas
- Availability of funds
- AFAR is favorable to projects where other funding sources are also involved.
- Research must be completed within two (2) years.

Funding Limitations

Grant funds may not be used for capital improvements or equipment.

Proposal Deadlines

Grant proposals are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Applicants will be notified within 90 days of submitting their proposal whether or not it meets our funding criteria and will be forwarded to our Funding Board for their review.

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Application Procedure

- ___ 1. **Grant Application Form:** Please complete and sign the enclosed AFAR Grant Application Form.
- ___ 2. **Summary of Project:** To enable members of our multi-disciplinary Grants Committee to fully understand your proposal, write an abstract of about 300 words that can be easily understood by colleagues in other disciplines/professions.
- ___ 3. **Research Plan:** Please provide information under the following headings as appropriate
 - ___ A. Scope and objective of the study
 - ___ B. Relationship to the existing research and literature, please include a bibliography
 - ___ C. Research plan and methods, including names and roles of participants
 - ___ D. Work already completed and in progress on this project
- ___ 4. **Applicant's Research Record:**
 - ___ A. Include curriculum vitae for the key staff
 - ___ B. List recent internal and external research awards
 - ___ C. List recent presentations and publications - last three (3) years only. Publications that have been accepted with revisions, or that are in press, may be included
- ___ 5. **Proposed Schedule for Completion of Research Project:**
 - ___ A. Date when the project will be/was initiated
 - ___ B. Date when the lab/field/library research will be completed
 - ___ C. Date when the analysis/interpretation will be completed
 - ___ D. An estimated date by which the funds requested will be expended and a final report submitted.
- ___ 6. **Ethics Review:** Please complete the enclosed Ethics Review Form, if applicable. AFAR will not release funds until the project has been approved by an Ethics Review Committee, associated with a hospital, university, or other organization with an established ethics review protocol and procedure.
- ___ 7. **Financial Information:**
 - ___ A. Attach a detailed, itemized budget for the project
 - ___ B. List other sources that you are soliciting for funding for the project. Include dollar amounts and indicate which sources are committed, pending or anticipated.

Submit an original signed grant application form, along with the additional information requested and four (4) exact photocopies, in one package to:

AFAR
P O Box 2800-338
Carefree, AZ 85377

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Organizational Information

Legal name of organization

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

Contact Person

Title

E-mail

Amount of Funding Requested: \$ _____

Is your organization	YES	NO
IRS 501(c)(3) not-for profit	_____	_____
Public Agency	_____	_____
University	_____	_____
Religious Institution	_____	_____
Government Agency	_____	_____

Authorization

Name of Top Paid Staff and/or Board Chair

Title

Signature

Date

