



Osteo Science
Foundation

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General Information

All proposals must include an oral surgeon affiliated with the project.

Osteo Science Foundation aims to support scientific and clinical research as well as education projects. In order to actively promote basic and clinical scientific research, Osteo Science Foundation awards grants to selected researchers. There will be two cycles of grant awards. The deadlines for submission of abstracts are December 1 and June 1.

Grants from Osteo Science Foundation are intended for research proposals submitted by innovative researchers and clinicians who want to address questions in the field of hard and soft tissue regeneration in oral, cranial, and maxillofacial surgery.

Clinically relevant topics should be addressed and the results submitted to international peer-reviewed journals.

Osteo Science Foundation ensures strict confidentiality of all applications and applying research teams, as well as the results of the review process among the reviewers and the Foundation.

Funding Policy

Use of Funds

Grant funds are to be used solely for the project as described in the applicant's proposal. Any monies received under this agreement should be expended for no other purposes. Any funds not used for the specific purpose of the grant must be returned to the Osteo Science Foundation, unless otherwise authorized in writing by Osteo Science Foundation. Grantees specifically agree that no part of the funds received from any grant will be used to carry on propaganda, influence legislation, influence the outcome of any public election, or carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive.

Maximum Funding

The maximum grant award will be \$50,000 per year, with a two-year project duration, and a

total of \$100,000. This amount is inclusive of indirect costs (please see below for more details on indirect costs). Only project-related costs may be requested. Osteo Science Foundation does not finance infrastructure or basic equipment at research institutions.

Reports

Annual reports are required and are a prerequisite for continuing payments in multi-year projects. The deadline for submission of the first report is 30 days prior to the request date for the second payment, which may not be less than one year from the initial award date (July 1 or January 1, depending on the cycle).

- All reports are to be completed on the Foundation's Grants Management System.
- Status reports should include an update of the progress for each portion/aim of the project, funds spent to date, funds remaining at that time, anticipated timeline for the remaining term of the project and funding required to complete the project. The form for providing this information can be downloaded from the grant website.
- A final report including an expenditure report will be required at the end of the project term.

Salaries

The intent of Osteo Science Foundation is to provide funding for research that is applied directly to each project. The funding should be applied toward costs associated directly with the research, such as purchase of animals, materials and supplies, and for services that may be required, such as laboratory support, histology lab fees and similar expenses.

Investigators' salaries will not be approved by Osteo Science Foundation. Exceptions may rarely be made for external, direct project-related personnel costs. Project budget proposals, however, should not include significant salary support for research associates or graduate students. Also, tuition or other associated education costs for graduate students involved in these projects should not be included in the budget. Projects will be viewed most favorably when the funding is directed to project activities and goals rather than financial support of personnel involved in the research.

The application should include an accurate description of the roles of individuals participating in the project. For example, if a Primary Investigator is listed as five percent effort but a graduate student is listed as 50 percent effort, this creates some confusion regarding who is primarily responsible for the project. Clarification of roles of each individual should be clearly defined. The Scientific Review Committee will look most favorably on the proposals that comply with these goals.

Institutional Overhead Costs

Overhead costs are not to exceed 10% of the total project budget. As a prerequisite for funding of any overhead costs, the investigator must submit a copy of the official overhead regulations with the main application.

Additional funding

Financial support from organizations other than Osteo Science Foundation must be disclosed within the application and it must be made clear how this will affect the overall budget.

Ethics

In the case of clinical studies, Osteo Science Foundation requests the submission of the positive response from the appropriate governing body or institutional review board. Obtaining ethics approval is a prerequisite for the first payment.

Anti-Terrorism

All grant funds will be used in compliance with all applicable anti-terrorist financing and asset-control laws, regulations, rules and executive orders, including but not limited to, the USA Patriot Act of 2001 and Executive Order 13224.

Declaration

Funding will only be granted if the declaration is signed by the lead applicant and the program director or chairman of the department.

Publicity

Upon applicant notification, Osteo Science Foundation will publish, on its website and in other publications, the names, institutions, title of projects, biosketches (as provided by the applicant) and abstracts for all awarded grants. Note that unfunded projects will not be publicized and will remain confidential.

Publications

Investigators are expected to make the results of their research promptly available to the scientific public. Acknowledgement of Osteo Science Foundation's support must be made when findings are reported to scientific audiences or scientific journals when publicity is given to a project. Publications resulting from work supported in whole or in part by Osteo Science Foundation must contain a credit line to that effect. Osteo Science Foundation should be made aware of each publication.

Project Changes

Osteo Science Foundation reserves the right to approve all project changes. Request for change is not a guarantee that changes will be approved.

- A. Change of Institution: no research grant can be transferred from one institution to another without the written approval of Osteo Science Foundation. If the applicant wishes to have such transfer made, the applicant must:
 1. Request, in writing, the approval of Osteo Science Foundation for the transfer;
 2. Secure written approval of this transfer from the financial officer at the present institution;
 3. Submit progress and expenditure reports covering the project period at the present institution up to the time of the transfer;
 4. Provide for the return to Osteo Science Foundation of all unexpended funds received by the present institution for the grant;

5. Provide the name and address of the financial officer at the new institution; and
 6. Secure from the chairman at the new institution a confirmation of the investigator's new appointment and confirmation that the available facilities and personnel will permit the prompt continuation of the research project.
- B. Change of Objective: if the applicant wishes to make changes which alter the approved objectives for which the original grant was made, prior approval of Osteo Science Foundation is required.
- C. Change of Investigator: if the investigator relinquishes or expects to relinquish active direction of the project, Osteo Science Foundation must be notified immediately. The grantee may:
1. Request that the grant be terminated, in which case a terminal progress report and an expenditure report must be submitted, and unexpended funds must be returned to Osteo Science Foundation; or
 2. With the approval of Osteo Science Foundation, the grantee institution may continue the project under the direction of another investigator. In the latter instance, biographical data, an interim progress report, and other pertinent information required by Osteo Science Foundation should accompany the request for such continuation.
- D. No-Cost Extension: the applicant must request a no-cost extension on his/her institution's letterhead before the end of the initial project period. The request must be approved by Osteo Science Foundation. The letter must include the reason for no-cost extension and the duration of the extension. The project year may be extended, up to one year, without additional funding. No additional extension beyond one year will be approved.

Application Review Process



The application process is divided into two steps:

1. Pre-evaluation

First short abstract applications should be submitted by the researchers by December 1 or June 1 using the online abstract application system. The abstract applications will be reviewed by the members of the board of directors. Based on the pre-evaluation results, the top project

proposals will be selected. The selected researchers will be invited to submit a complete main application by February 1 or August 1, respectively.

2. Main evaluation

The invited applicants must file the completed application documents with Osteo Science Foundation by April 1 or October 1 in order to be reviewed prior to July or January of the respective grant cycle. The board of directors will thoroughly review the study proposals and they will discuss the evaluation results and decide about possible acceptance as well as the amount of the grants to be awarded. The selected applicants will be informed about the board's decision on or before July 1 or January 1, respectively.

Review criteria

An application for an Osteo Science Foundation Research Grant will be evaluated with respect to its:

- Clinical relevance
- Originality of hypothesis
- Methodology
- Facilities and qualifications of the research team

As a matter of policy Osteo Science Foundation only gives comments on positive or negative decisions after the main evaluation cycle. The names of the members of the board of directors are published on Osteo Science Foundation website.