



Information for Grant Applicants

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The ADEAGies Foundation—the philanthropic arm of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA)—is committed to improving oral health of the public and advancing innovations in the profession of dentistry by ensuring a robust future faculty and supporting the development of leaders in academic dentistry.

Eligibility

Any ADEA [member](#) at U.S.-based non-profit organizations (exempt from federal taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Revenue Code) and Canada-based nonprofit charitable organizations—including higher education institutions, dental schools, advanced dental and allied dental programs—whose Grant Application has been approved are invited to submit a grant proposal. All proposals must demonstrate how the grant award would support dental education development, scientific achievement within the recognized dental specialties, oral health education or research. ADEAGies Foundation grant funding will be awarded to organizations/institutions on an annual basis for a one-year period. An organization/institution may submit a grant renewal request to the Foundation for consideration of a second year of funding. Awardees who have received approval for a no-cost extension must wait a minimum of two years prior to submitting any further grant funding requests.

Review Criteria

All proposals will be evaluated for their alignment with the ADEAGies Foundation’s mission and goals. Preference will be given to proposals that broadly include dental, allied dental, advanced dental programs, and leaders advancing research, programs and special initiatives, such as community service.

Categories of Proposals Aligning with Foundation Mission and Goals

To be considered, proposals must explicitly demonstrate support for at least one of the following focus areas.

- (National and international) higher education systems: Study and strengthen dental education.
- Studies that lead to full-time faculty development in leadership, improved teaching, and research; and support diversity and inclusivity.
- Oral health-related research: Increase capacity of academic dental institutions to conduct research.
- Develop innovative dental education curricula and pedagogy to meet the changing environments in dental education, research, leadership and service.
- Research in underserved populations helping dental and allied dental education programs, ensuring access to oral health care for all.
- Assess and develop programs to promote professional ethics, social responsibility, a diverse and inclusive workforce, cultural competence and values that sustain the profession for the public good.
- Recognize and support scientific achievement within the recognized dental specialties.

- Teaching and learning in dental education: preparing faculty for teaching dental and allied dental students in contemporary and innovative modes designed to advance learning in classrooms and clinics, and in small and large group settings. Additional consideration will be given to proposals that advance inclusive pedagogy, patient-centered, efficient learning models and financially sustainable methods based in outcomes research that address broad approaches to improving access in programs and communities.
- The ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees has the right to determine thematic funding priorities for any grant cycle.
- Incomplete proposals will not be considered.
 - Verify all sections of the proposal are complete.
 - Verify that the proposed budget is complete.

Review Process

The ADEAGies Foundation Grants Committee will assess applications for merit that are complete, clearly define the purpose of the program or project and are compliant with the application guidelines. The committee may request additional information. The ADEAGies Foundation may share with reviewer's information from any submitted application about the Principal Investigator (PI) and team, the affected community or the proposed work. By submitting a proposal, you give the ADEAGies Foundation permission to share the submitted information.

The ADEAGies Foundation may change these guidelines or award grants that do not fall within the range of these guidelines at its discretion. Note, all deadlines are firm. No exceptions will be made.

Award Application Process—New Programs or Projects

The initial application is due 10 months prior to the start of the funding cycle.

New Grant Application Due DateSept. 1

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Notification of Application DecisionNov. 30

Applicants will be notified by email of the committee's decision. Successful applicants are notified that full proposal submission is requested.

[Should an application be approved to submit a full proposal, the following timeline will apply.]

Full Proposal Due DateFeb. 1

Proposals are by invitation and follow an approved application.

Notification of Proposal DecisionApr. 5

Principal Investigators (PIs) will be notified by email of the committee's decision. PIs of accepted proposals will receive a grant agreement.]

Grant Award Cycle—Funded Programs or Projects

The grant cycle runs from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31. Funding is subject to availability of resources and approval of the ADEAGies Foundation. Annual funding levels are set by ADEA/ADEAGies Foundation. Awards are for one year; if additional funding is sought, grant recipients can request a one-time grant renewal with their Interim Progress Report.

Statement of Intent to Fund

Financial support for grant funding is at the discretion of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees. The amount of funding for grants and number of grants awarded may vary from year to year.

Payment and Accounting of Grant Funds

Checks are made payable to the grant recipient organization/institution for accounting and tax purposes and sent to the Principal Investigator, who is required to give a full and accurate accounting of expenditures. The grant recipient organization/institution must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose for which they were intended. The ADEAGies Foundation requires a written detailed accounting of how the grant funds were used and the overall results of the funded program or project. This required documentation is due by Sept. 30, or 60 days following completion of use of all disbursed grant funds (whichever is sooner). Any funds not used during the grant cycle must be reported by July 20; upon request, the unused funds request may be converted to a no-cost extension. Note that until all no-cost extension funds are used, the grant recipient is ineligible for a new or renewal grant.

Funding Restrictions

The ADEAGies Foundation does not fund the following:

- Operational phases of established programs.
- Capital expenses (facilities and equipment, except as part of a programmatic effort).
- Indirect, fringe benefit or overhead costs.
- Capital campaigns or annual funds.
- Conferences and special events that are not part of a larger programmatic effort.
- Films, television, radio programs or other public awareness initiatives, unless they are key aspects of a programmatic effort.
- Direct patient care services.
- Clinical demonstration projects.
- Discretionary or emergency requests.
- General operational expenses as distinct from program or project costs (e.g., rent, utility bills).
- Individuals or individual research programs outside of the programmatic effort.
- Lobbying and/or political campaigns or endorsements.
- Organization/institution budget shortfalls.
- Goods or services purchased prior to notification of the grant award.
- Recurring personnel costs that the institution should provide will not be permitted.
- Extensive travel expenses not directly related to programmatic effort and that do not directly affect project outcomes.
- Food subsidy used as an incentive for support staff and student participation.

Note the following:

- In each grant cycle, only one application submission per individual or institution will be accepted.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered or returned for resubmission by the applicant.
- Critiques of applications will not be provided.
- Due to the volume of applications, we cannot respond to inquiries regarding application review status (see page 2 for award application process timeline).

- Only the material requested on the application will be considered during the review. Additional items submitted with the application (e.g., CDs or videos) will be discarded.

Post-Application Requirements

Once the application has been reviewed, you will receive a letter informing you of the next steps.

Notification of Significant Change Policy (during the application phase)

The ADEAGies Foundation should be notified immediately via email to ADEAGies-Letter_of_Intent@adea.org if there is an unforeseen significant change (e.g., Principal Investigator, structural or leadership change within the organization/institution).

Authorization

Funding of a grant award authorizes the ADEAGies Foundation to use the grant recipient's formal organization/institution name in promotional materials. The awarded grants may be featured on the ADEAGies Foundation web page, social media, blog, annual report and other ADEAGies publications.

Contact Information

Questions regarding the grant application process can be sent to:
ADEAGies-Letter_of_Intent@adea.org

Application Submission

E-mail the original application to:
ADEAGies-Letter_of_Intent@adea.org