2020 IASP Early Career Research Grant Program

Guidelines for the Online Grant Application

Important Dates: The application submission site will open on 9 December 2019. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m on 5 February 2020.

IASP will announce the grant awards by March 30, 2020, and will disburse the funding to the grantee’s institution upon satisfactory execution of the grant agreement between IASP and the grantee’s institution. No late submissions will be accepted, and reviewer committee decisions are final.

About the Grant

The IASP Early Career Research Grant facilitates the development of young researchers just starting their careers as independent investigators. PhD students are not eligible for this grant as it is intended for independent researchers. The independence of the applicant should be clearly stated in the institution letter.

The grant cannot be used for the grantees salary or fringe benefit. The grant may not be used for indirect costs or overhead costs.

The applicant should not have been a recipient of a grant that provides support equal to or greater than the IASP Early Career Research grant. This includes internal grants from the applicants institution as well as external grants from other funding sources. Recipients of NIH grants or other government funding are not eligible. Startup funds given to begin a lab do not make an applicant ineligible. Please indicate clearly in your application the specific details of any grant funding received and your role in that grant. Failure to do so may deem the application ineligible.

Applications will be reviewed by the Fellowships, Grants, and Awards Working Group of IASP, which will provide scoring and feedback to all applicants.

General Information about the Application

Completed applications must be submitted via the online application system in English and include all required documents before the deadline. The deadline for submission is midnight Eastern U.S. time on 5 February 2020. For questions regarding application components, email IASP at grants@iasp-pain.org or call +1.202.856.7400.

The Application

Title
Applicant must provide a concise title for the proposed project.

Applicant
In this section, an applicant must provide contact information, including IASP member number, and list all relevant degrees, institutes, and dates of graduation.

Summary of the Project
In 200 words or less, an applicant must summarize the importance of the pain problem addressed, the critical aspects of the project, and the ways the research will be used to achieve long-term goals. In this section, an applicant also must provide information on other participants in the project, if any. In addition, in 500 words or less, an applicant must provide information on how data obtained in the proposed project will be used for future works, patents, or extramural support.

Budget
Using the budget template provided through the IASP website or the online application system, an applicant must provide an itemized budget and upload it into the system. Please pay close attention to what the grant does and does not cover, and use the budget template.

Attachments
Each applicant must provide the following documents and upload them into the online application system:

Project Description
An applicant must upload a description of the project he or she intends to conduct. This should include a justification of the project, methods, and whether the proposed experiments will generate interpretable results. The Word document should not exceed 4 pages (including references/citations), 11 pt. font, and ½ inch (1.27 cm) margins.

A Letter from an Institutional Official
An applicant must upload a supporting letter from an institutional official that includes the following information:
- Clearly stated evidence of professional independence (i.e., a faculty-level academic appointment)
- Evidence of institutional support (e.g., that basic costs such as associated salary, administrative support, and the use of laboratory/office space are covered)
- Nonprofit status of the institute
- Acknowledgment that neither IASP nor the Early Career Research Grant will be liable (i.e., charged) for any indirect costs (overhead and handling fees) associated with execution of the work described in the application

Curriculum Vitae
Each applicant must provide a short CV using the IASP template provided on the website or via the online application system. The document cannot exceed four pages. All CVs longer than four pages will disqualify the application.

Letters of Recommendation
Per guidelines, each applicant must provide at least one letter of recommendation. In order to request recommendation(s), an applicant must follow the directions on the application form and begin by clicking on the tab “Add Item” on the Letters of Recommendation page.

Enter all required information for each recommender, including name and email address. Recommenders will receive an email from Wizehive with the link to upload the recommendation letter. Make sure your recommender knows the deadline of the grant submission.
Once all requested letters are received, log back in to the system and check that the recommendation letter button has changed from “pending” to “submitted.” Do NOT submit the overall application from the Home page until the recommendations are BOTH submitted!

Final Information
Applicants must check the e-signature box and provide their full name.

NOTE: An applicant may save a draft of the online application. Once all requested recommendation letters are uploaded into the system and all other pages and uploads are attached, an applicant should login again and submit the final application. Upon submission, an applicant will receive an email confirmation. Once submitted, applications cannot be edited or deleted.