



The Klarman Family Foundation Grants Program in Eating Disorders Research Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility of the research project

How strict are the guidelines with respect to a specific focus on anorexia nervosa?

Very strict. We are limiting the focus of our grants program to research that directly addresses the underlying biology of anorexia nervosa, and the questions of how and why it develops and persists. Research projects that do not directly address this topic will not be considered.

Are imaging studies eligible?

While in the past we have considered human imaging research outside the scope of our program, in this round we will consider both human and animal imaging studies that are directly relevant to the biology of anorexia nervosa.

What are the grant selection criteria?

Relevance to our mission

- Potential of the research project to identify the underlying biological causes of anorexia nervosa

Applicant

- Qualifications of the applicant and prior experience in conducting innovative research

Excellence of research project

- Clear hypothesis based on sound precedents and supported by relevant literature
- Research methodology, data collection, and data analyses that are feasible and appropriate to the proposal's aims
- Objectives that are well thought out and technically feasible
- Appropriateness of grant duration, budget, and Dissemination Plan

Eligibility of the investigator

How many applications may be submitted from one institution?

There are no institutional limitations on the number of applications.

Must the applicant be nominated by his/her institution?

No.

Is a full faculty appointment necessary or is a visiting professorship or adjunct faculty position sufficient?

The faculty appointment must be at an academic or medical institution in the United States, Canada or Israel at the time of application. A visiting or adjunct faculty position is acceptable at an institution in the above countries as long as this appointment is in place at the time of application and will be retained throughout the grant period. The letter from the department or division chair must confirm the duration of the appointment.

May I hold a faculty appointment outside the United States?

An investigator must hold a faculty appointment at a nonprofit, non-governmental academic, medical or research institution in the United States, Canada or Israel in order to qualify. If your faculty appointment is not in one of these countries, you would not be eligible to apply.

Is the position of “Research Scientist” acceptable rather than an academic faculty appointment?

If the position is considered a faculty position and you are an independent investigator, you are eligible for this program.

If I am a postdoctoral fellow at the time of application but will have a faculty appointment by the grant’s start date, am I eligible to apply?

Your faculty appointment must be in place at the time of application.

I am a previous recipient of a Klarman Family Foundation grant. May I renew or reapply for another grant in the current cycle?

You may not renew your current grant but you may submit an application which will be competitively reviewed with all other submissions. Any outstanding reporting requirements for previous grants must be complete prior to submission of a new application.

If I apply and do not receive a grant, may I apply in future years?

Yes.

May an application be submitted by two equal co-Principal Investigators?

Yes, in the case of investigators jointly leading collaborative projects involving both clinical and basic research. Any application involving co-PIs must be discussed and approved by The Klarman Family Foundation staff before submission. Such proposals must involve meaningful collaboration between participants to perform research in a synergistic manner.

May a PI on one grant also be part of another grant submission?

Yes. A PI on one grant may be listed as personnel on someone else’s grant.

May a PI submit proposals for both a multi-year grant and a one-year Pilot Study?

No. Only one application may be submitted by a PI and, therefore, s/he must decide whether to submit a Pilot Study or a multi-year grant.

I am considering submitting one of several possible projects. May I speak with someone for advice

and guidance?

Please submit the one that you believe has the greatest likelihood of contributing to the understanding of the basic biology of anorexia nervosa.

If I am offered the grant but cannot accept it, may it be transferred to a co-investigator or other individual significantly involved in the project?

No. The grant can only be awarded to the applicant who originally submitted the grant application.

Application instructions

Should I include a biosketch for co-investigators or collaborators?

A biosketch for co-investigators with significant roles on the project must be included (5-page maximum for each using the current NIH format). Bio-sketches of collaborators may not be included.

Who is considered the “Authorized Institutional Representative” when signing that portion of the Application Face Sheet?

This would be someone from the office of sponsored programs (or similar entity) or other officer responsible for research oversight within the institution. The department chair or other administrator within the applicant’s department may NOT sign the Face Sheet.

Should the budget forms reflect the actual cost of the project or only what is requested from The Klarman Family Foundation?

Please indicate only what is being requested from The Klarman Family Foundation Eating Disorders Grants Program. If the project uses additional support, the amounts and sources should be listed where requested in the “Additional Information” section of the application.

In preparing the proposal section, may I use the NIH continuation pages?

Yes.

My Department Chair will not be able to submit his letter to me by the deadline. Can this letter be sent later on?

No. This letter as well as any letter(s) of collaboration must be included in the one PDF upload and submitted by the online application deadline.

Are the section headings mentioned in the Research Proposal portion required or may other headings be included?

Please prepare your proposal using these headings.

May I include appendices? I am utilizing subjects from another grant and it would be relevant to include information on that study as well.

No. Additional materials will not be accepted. You may certainly report on the data from your

other studies but all materials must be contained within the 9-page research proposal section.

Grant statistics

What are my chances of receiving a grant?

This is difficult to predict, given that the scope of the program has changed significantly in 2017. In 2013, the Program funded 16.7% of the submissions, and in 2014 funded 12.7%.

Who were the successful applicants from the previous grant cycle?

Please see the listing of past recipients at

<http://klarmanfoundation.org/eating-disorders-research/>. Note that the scientific focus of the program has tightened in this round, and that many funded applications from previous years would not be eligible for consideration in 2017.

Online submissions

I have started and saved an application but when I try to log in, I cannot find my previous application and need to start a new one.

Always return to a saved application using this link: https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1770. You may need to close your browser completely prior to clicking. After logging in, you will see the name of the application that you started. Click on that link and then continue the submission process.

Additional questions

For answers to any issues not covered in the application instructions, grant policies or the FAQs, please contact us at EDresearch@klarmanfoundation.org.