

Research Grants Program FAQ's

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Q. What is the New Jersey Health Foundation Research Grants Program?

A. The NJHF Research Grants Program awards grants up to \$50,000 each for early-stage research to faculty and personnel at NJHF-affiliated organizations to help awardees qualify for larger research grants from other organizations to advance these innovative projects.

Q. Who can apply for funding?

A. Full-time faculty members, staff and other personnel from the following academic institutions are eligible to apply for funding: Cooper University HealthCare, Hackensack Meridian *Health*, Kessler Foundation, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Princeton University, Rowan University, Rutgers University, University Hospital and Virtua Health.

Q. Does my organization need to know that I am applying for a Research Grant?

A. Yes, you must follow all your organization's standard procedures prior to submitting an application for a Research Grant.

Q. What is the process for the Research Grants?

A. Applications should be submitted electronically through our grant submission portal. The link to the application portal can be found on the [New Jersey Health Foundation website](#). Applications will be reviewed and scored by a New Jersey Health Foundation review panel composed of NJHF Board members and qualified members of the medical, pharmaceutical, and business communities. All applicants will be notified of the status of their applications by e-mail.

Q. What material is required to apply?

A. To apply for a grant, you need to provide these documents:

- A one-page lay abstract
- A proposal limited to four (4) pages
- A CV/Bio Sketch for the PI
- A letter verifying organizational support of the application

- Budget
- Literature citations (optional)

The proposal should include:

- A. Clearly presented hypothesis and goals
- B. Background
- C. Research design & methods
- D. Description of the resources and facilities available to carry out the proposed research
- E. Evaluation methodology, including statistical approach if appropriate
- F. Possible outcomes and implications for future research
- G. Previous or existing funding for this project

Q. What is the review process?

A. The criteria that the committee will be considering can be found in Policies & Procedures.

Q. For the requested Curricula Vitae, is the NIH 5-page format acceptable?

A. Yes, you can upload a NIH 5-page CV or Bio Sketch.

Q. If there is a Co-PI on my application, do we both need to submit a CV/Bio Sketch?

A. CV/Bio Sketch only needs to be submitted for PI submitting the application.

Q. Is there a specific format for the lay abstract and proposal?

A. Yes, each document should be **double spaced**, in no less than 12-point type (no more than 15 characters per linear inch), using 1" margins. *Applications not in compliance with these guidelines will be disqualified.*

Q. Can I request an extension to submit a grant?

A. Unfortunately, we cannot accept applications after the posted application closing date. If the deadline is missed, you may submit your application in the next award cycle.

Q. If my proposal is not funded, can I reapply?

A. The same proposal may not be resubmitted but a non-funded proposal that has been modified (due to new research data, etc.) may be resubmitted in the next application cycle or any future cycle.

Q. What information should be included in the final narrative report?

A. The final narrative report should include: details of the activities, conclusions drawn, degree to which goals were achieved, details on additional grant or other funding and/or publications generated as a result of this grant, and future steps.

Q. How do I determine whether my project falls under the Research Grant Program or the Community Health, Behavioral and Social Science, Social Service & Education Grants Program?

A. Typically, research projects dealing with how and why individuals behave and how they interact with each other and their environment are classified as Community Health, Behavioral and Social Science, Social Service and Education Grants. All other research projects are classified as Research Grants. However, if you are uncertain as to which grant program is the best fit for your project, **please feel free to contact us at researchgrant@njhf.org.**

Q. What is the difference between a Research Grant and an Innovation Grant from New Jersey Health Foundation?

A. New Jersey Health Foundation Research Grants are awarded for projects that demonstrate exciting potential and will help the applicant apply for larger grants from other organizations. These grants, up to \$50,000 each, are for projects at an earlier research stage than the Innovation Grants.

Innovation Grants support the advancement of innovative ideas that are moving toward commercialization. Generally, the applicant already has preliminary data and research results and is looking to move his/her project to the next level.

Q. What is the deadline for submitting my application?

A. Applications will be accepted in the portal until November 16, 2026 at 11:59 pm.

Check the Policies & Procedures for the Research Grants Program posted on the [New Jersey Health Foundation website](#) for additional details.