

Grant Program for Research on Developmental Dyslexia

Guidelines for General Grant Award

Grant Award

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) announces an annual competitive grant program to support research projects involving the study of issues related to developmental dyslexia. The Grant Program is designed to provide up to \$20,000 for one year for new or ongoing educational, medical and cognitive science research projects. (*) Studies on humans or experimental models (computer, etc.) are eligible. The main criteria for the awards are the excellence of the proposals and their potential enhancement of theories, research, and applications related to dyslexia.

Awards

The grant will provide support for up to \$20,000 for one year and is not renewable, although PIs can be funded by IDA more than one time in successive years for different projects. The funding period begins September 1 and ends August 31 of the following year. Specifically, we wish to fund topics such as (but not limited to):

- I. Language deficits in dyslexia.
- II. Anatomical, biochemical, genetic analyses of dyslexia using modern methods of molecular biology, and brain imaging.
- III. The efficacy of alternative educational strategies.
- IV. New methods for the identification of early precursors or early diagnosis of dyslexia.
- V. Anomalies in the visual, auditory, somatosensory and motor systems of dyslexics.
- VI. Individual differences in persons with dyslexia (e.g. special strengths, weaknesses, etc.)
- VII. Issues related to fluency, cross linguistic and cultural issues, etc.

Criteria for Selection

Successful applicants must meet the following criteria:

- I. Faculty or affiliates (e.g. graduate students or clinicians) at all universities, educational, medical and non-profit research institutions are eligible. The grant will be made to the principal investigator through his or her academic institution.
- II. Any discipline is eligible.
- III. International submissions are welcome.
- IV. Support will be limited to faculty or affiliates who are well-trained in research methods and will bring creative approaches to issues relevant to dyslexia. Applicants should demonstrate the ability to do sophisticated research by presenting a record of research publications from peer reviewed journals. Proposals for pilot work as part of a larger project or towards a larger future project are welcome.
- V. An institutional setting conducive to the investigator's plan of research should be available.

(*)Work plans are submitted with a one year timeline. Extensions of the one year period are possible, however there will be no cost extensions. Requests for time extension must be submitted in writing with appropriate rationale.

The Selection Process

Complete grant applications with all supporting documents must be received by February 27. The selection committee will review all grant applications with final selection notification to PIs/Institutions in June. Everyone submitting an application will be notified of the review committee's decision. Money will be available to the successful applicants the first week of September.

At the end of the grant period, the awardee will be required to submit to The International Dyslexia Association a written report of the results of the research studies including any published papers. A brief summary (not to exceed one page—double spaced) of the results in lay terms will also be required for publication on the IDA Web Site, and possibly in the IDA periodical, *Perspectives*. An outline of the format for the web summary will be sent to you. A manuscript may be submitted for consideration for publication in the *Annals of Dyslexia* (IDA's scholarly journal published semi-annually) although a manuscript is not mandatory. IDA may invite you to submit a proposal for consideration to present at the IDA International Conference in the Fall, upon completion of your research, although submission is not mandatory.

Proposal Format

Each research proposal submitted for consideration must include one (1) hard copy of the proposal by mail, as well as the submission electronically via email, containing the following materials.

- I. A cover page, including title of project, name, address and contact information for primary investigator(s), and that the General Grant Award is being applied for. **Also, please indicate how you heard about our Grant Award.**
- II. Abstract
 - a) Summarize the proposed research (one page).
- III. Project Description
 - a) Include a project description (no more than 10 pages) detailing the proposed research. This should include:
 1. An introduction consisting of a literature review, rationale, and objectives.
 2. A research plan including the design of experiments, specific methods, and statistical analyses.
 3. A discussion and interpretation of the potential findings.
 - b) A time line should be specified that includes the approximate completion dates for the critical methodological stages of the proposed study.
 - c) The budget and budget justification for the one year of support should be provided. This section should include supplies, small equipment and services (e.g., MRI), etc. The grant award can not be used for major equipment, travel or salary support for the Primary Investigator or other Co-Investigators. Salary support can be used for a research assistant, consultants, etc. No indirect costs will be paid.
 - d) A brief list of all other sources of support either secured or being sought for this project. If this research activity or related projects are currently being supported from other sources, list the sources for such funding, title(s) of projects, grant number(s), time periods of funding and total funding/year. Please specify how the projects overlap and how they differ.
 - e) A list of other sources of support for research undertaken by the applicant or in which he or she participates (pending or current). Provide complete titles and grant numbers of all grants as well as total award, yearly award, inclusive funding dates, the role of the applicant and percent of time devoted to each grant by the applicant.
 - f) If items d and e above do not apply to you, please indicate that as well.
 - g) Description of the facilities available.

IV. Attachments

- a) Curriculum vitae
- b) An official letter from the applicant's organization attesting to their support of the project. If applicable, include evidence of the institution's 501©(3) tax-exempt status.
- c) Detailed statement of how the proposed research will comply with the accepted standards for the use and care of human research subjects. Further, the signature of the appropriate official of the sponsoring institution is required.
- d) Graduate Students should include a letter of reference from their supervising/advising professor. At the minimum, this letter should include a statement that the students' project is scientifically sound and whether or not it is part of the student's thesis or dissertation work.

Acknowledgements

Acknowledgement of the assistance of The International Dyslexia Association should be made in any presentations or publications resulting from these grants.

Submission Requirements

Proposals must reach the IDA office by **February 27** (fax transmissions are not acceptable). Send one (1) hard copy of the proposal by mail, as well as an electronic copy via email attachment (MS WORD format) to the address listed below.

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Note: The International Dyslexia Association will only reveal the contents of these proposals to the reviewers who are appointed by the Research Subcommittee Chair. We are not able to provide additional information to unsuccessful applicants. Incomplete applications and/or applications that are not written according to the specifications detailed above will not be considered for review.