



Early-Career Reviewer Program

2022 Application Guidelines

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Applications Accepted:

June 15 to July 27, 2022.

Program Overview

The early-career reviewer program recruits early-career researchers to serve as peer-reviewers of grant proposals submitted to the William T. Grant Foundation for studies on improving the use of research evidence. Apart from reading and evaluating grant proposals in their area of expertise, early-career reviewers receive personalized feedback from Foundation program officers and have access to additional reviews of assigned proposals prepared by senior peer-reviewers. Altogether, this professional development program aims to build early-career researchers' understanding of the proposal evaluation and peer-review process for research grants in order to strengthen their own proposal writing skills and ultimately advance their careers.

Program Activities

The Foundation anticipates selecting three early-career reviewers and hopes to assign each reviewer at least one proposal during a two-year period. Early-career reviewers, once selected, will receive training from the Foundation on effective skills useful for proposal review and familiarity with the Foundation's priority area on improving the use of research evidence. Upon receiving a proposal that matches their area of expertise, early-career reviewers will be asked to submit a written review of their assigned proposal within 3-4 weeks. Following submission of the written review, a Foundation program officer will provide feedback on the review and request that any necessary revisions be submitted for the final deadline 1-2 weeks later.

At the completion of the process, early-career reviewers will receive the full set of redacted peer reviews on the assigned proposal, which will serve as a resource for continued learning.

All early-career reviewers will be compensated \$300 per review.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Received terminal degree within eight years of applying
- Currently working toward an independent research program related to the use of research evidence
- Been involved in the preparation of at least one grant proposal submitted in the past to any funder
- Successfully authored at least one research publication related to research on the use of research evidence.

Across all of our programs, we strive to support a diverse group of researchers in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, and seniority, and we encourage applications from African American, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian American Pacific Islander researchers.

Application Materials and Selection Criteria

All application materials must be submitted by email to earlycareerreviewer@wtgrantfdn.org by July 27, 2022.

Applicants must prepare a CV and a two-page cover letter indicating:

- Motivation and rationale for applying for the early-career reviewer program
- Prior role in submitting at least one grant proposal in the past to any funder
- Specific example(s) of authorship on at least one research publication related to research on the use of research evidence
- Evidence of how one's independent research program is aligned with or working towards improving the use of research evidence
- How participating in the Program would support developmental career aims

Applications will be reviewed on the strength of the CV and cover letter and the extent to which the applicant's research aligns with the Foundation's focus on improving the use of research evidence. The CV and cover letter must be submitted together as a single PDF, with the cover letter first and CV second.



NOTE

Should you have questions about the program or selection criteria, please reach out to Julia Farley at earlycareerreviewer@wtgrantfdn.org.



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