

National Foundation for Syndactyly (NFS) Research Fund: Research Grant Proposals

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Research NFS Grants

Annually we offer competitive grants to other Scientists, Universities, and Physicians who also seek progress in the understanding and treatment of Syndactyly and other hand related abnormalities. NFS Research Committee reviews applications for funding research and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for grant funding. Proposals for grants may be submit to The National Foundation for Syndactyly Research Grant Committee by July 1 each year. Approved awards are funded each September.

For more information and requirements email admin@nfsus.org or write to:

The National Foundation for Syndactyly
Attn: Research Grant Committee
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Mascoutah, Illinois 62258

Proposal Format for Research NFS Grants

NOTE: Research grant proposals / applications must adhere to the following format:

12 point font, Cambria
5 pages (maximum), single-spaced, 1" margins
Budget and Budget Narrative do not count in the 5 maximum.

Please include the following sections in your proposal:

I. Abstract (max. 250 words)

An abstract provides the reviewers with a brief summary/overview of the entire project. The abstract should briefly describe the problem that the project is addressing, the project objectives, the methodology, and expected outcomes.

REMEMBER: Explain such that reviewers in other disciplines will understand the significance of your project.

II. Purpose of the Research Should include:

a. **Background information pertinent to the project:** brief description of relevant research in the field/discipline with appropriate references

b. **Significance of project:** description of why this project contributes to the field and helping hands.

Helpful Notes: Including references in this section shows strong support for the problem statement and is highly encouraged. References must be cited. The citation format that is appropriate for your field of study may be used. On the application cover sheet, circle which citation format you are using in this section and remain consistent with that format throughout the proposal.

If applicable, you should indicate if the project is part of a course (provide course name, number, and instructor), you should not state that the purpose of the project is to fulfill credit requirements.

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III. **Research Questions**

A numbered list of your primary research questions stated in clear, specific and measurable terms.

Research questions are brief- a sentence or two at most.

Major research questions may be followed by a series of sub-questions that are more specific.

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IV. **Methodology**

Describe how the research project will be conducted.

Include the procedure for data collection and analysis. Be sure to explain how you will use your data to answer your research questions.

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V. **Project Evaluation**

Describe how you will know when your project is completed and state your expected date of completion.

VI. Dissemination

Describe how the findings from this research will be shared, either through presentation or publication.

Research Fund award recipients are requested to notify NFS of any press releases regarding funded research and to cite NFS for funding in any press or publication about the research and its findings.

Include other opportunities for dissemination and explain why they are appropriate for your project.

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VII. Budget (not part of the 5 page maximum requirement)

A budget table and budget justification must be included.

Helpful Notes: If awarded, organizational overhead support is not authorized.

The National Foundation for Syndactyly is unable to pay overhead or indirect costs to grantee organizations.

REMEMBER: Explain such that reviewers in other disciplines will understand the financial needs of your project.

VIII. References (not part of the 5 page maximum requirement)

Any references used in the proposal should be cited. The citation format that is appropriate for your field of study may be used. On the application cover sheet, note which citation format you are using in this section and remain consistent with that citation format throughout the proposal.