



IOCDF Research Grant Program 2020 Request for Proposals

Mission Statement

The mission of the International OCD Foundation (IOCDF) is to help those affected by obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and related disorders to live full and productive lives. Our aim is to increase access to effective treatment through research and training, foster a hopeful and supportive community for those affected by OCD and the professionals who treat them, and fight stigma surrounding mental health issues.

IOCDF Research Grant Program

In support of its mission, the IOCDF makes annual grant awards to research scientists seeking to advance scientific understanding of OCD and related disorders, improve existing therapies, and discover new and more effective treatments. Since 1994, the IOCDF's Research Grant Program has awarded more than \$5.9 million in funding support to researchers around the world.

2020 Research Grant Awards

The generosity of the IOCDF's donors has allowed for us to offer over \$1.1 million in research funding this year through two grant types: Young Investigator Awards and Breakthrough Awards.

Breakthrough Awards: These are grants of up to **\$500,000** each paid in three annual installments. Research projects eligible for the Breakthrough Awards must investigate topics in the field of OCD. The Breakthrough Awards are intended to support innovative and potentially-groundbreaking projects – “high-risk, high-reward” science that could make a profound impact on the field and accelerate progress toward new and more effective treatments for OCD, and possibly even lead to a cure. Eligible applicants will have completed residency or their PhD before September 1, 2015, and must have at least five years of research experience.

Young Investigator Awards: These are grants of up to **\$50,000** each, disbursed over the course of one year in quarterly installments. They support promising young investigators who are developing their careers while pursuing creative and impactful research projects on OCD and related disorders across a range of disciplines. To be eligible for funding, researchers must be investigating OCD and related disorders (OCD, including pediatric OCD; PANS/PANDAS; hoarding disorder; body dysmorphic disorder; or body focused repetitive behaviors). Eligible applicants must be current graduate students, or must have completed their residency or their PhD (or equivalent) on or after September

1, 2015. Applicants who are still in training must submit a letter from their mentor with their application.

Review Process and Funding Decisions

All grant applications that comply with program guidelines (see ocdresearch.org) will be assigned two or three reviewers from our expert panel. These reviewers will score the application and provide written comments. The top-scoring applications from the initial round will advance to the second round, where they will be discussed and rated by other members of the panel, as well as the originally assigned reviewers. Ratings from this round, as well as comments received during the initial round, will be used to advise the IOCDF Board of Directors who will make all final funding decisions.

Eligibility and Application Guidelines

Please carefully review the eligibility & application guidelines at ocdresearch.org before submitting your proposal. International applicants are welcomed and encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

Grant applications will be accepted beginning on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. EST via our online application system at ocdresearch.org. **The application deadline is Monday, March 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST.**