DIFM DPG Research Grant Opportunities
FY 2018-2019

Purpose

- To financially support research conducted by DIFM DPG members and student members.
- To encourage research studies in integrative and functional nutrition.

Award Description

DIFM DPG will provide one Member Research Grant for $5000 and two Student Research Grants, each for $1000. Funds will be used to cover research expenses including but not limited to equipment, incentives to participants, research assistant stipend/salary, and other supplies directly related to research activities. Grant money cannot be used for applicant (primary investigator) stipend/salary, to cover indirect costs, or for conference travel.

Application Instructions

Submit your completed application (starting on page 3) and a current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume.

FOR STUDENTS ONLY: Submit a signed letter of support from the faculty member overseeing your research project (primary research advisor) and the current CV for this person.

The application deadline is **Friday, February 1st, 2019**. E-mail one PDF file containing all required application documents to info@integrativerd.org with the subject heading "DIFM DPG Research Grant Application".

Selection Criteria

- Quality and feasibility of the proposed project
- Relevance to integrative and functional nutrition
- Extent to which the results can benefit DIFM DPG members

Requirements & Policies

- Must be a paid member of DIFM DPG for the 2018-2019 member year.
    - Members of the DIFM DPG Executive Committee are NOT eligible to apply for the DIFM DPG Research Grant
    - Members of the DIFM DPG Leadership Team are eligible to apply for the DIFM DPG Research Grant
- Student eligibility: Must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program for the 2018-2019 year, with plans to continue in an educational program for 2019-2020. Members in a post-doctoral position are considered students.
- Appropriate approval from an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Animal Care Committee (ACC) must be provided to info@integrativerd.org as soon as it is obtained.

- Recipients must provide a grant status update to info@integrativerd.org by **December 31, 2019**, indicating the following:
    - Current status of the study
    - Amount of grant funds used
    - Estimated timeline for completion of the study
- Research activities (i.e. data collection) must be completed by **May 31, 2020**.
- Within 3 months of study completion, recipients must submit a final report (e-mailed to info@integrativerd.org) including:
    - A 150-300 word abstract of the study
    - Summary of key findings
    - Plan for presentation or publication
- Recipients will be required to share the results of their research by writing an article for the DIFM DPG newsletter and/or presenting a poster at a national conference (i.e. FNCE®).
- Recipients will be required to disclose "DIFM DPG Research Grant" as a source of funding in any and all publications and presentations that include data collected with grant money

Financial Details

- Grant funds will be disbursed to recipients on or before **May 31, 2019**.
- Grant recipients who are not affiliated with a college/university will receive the grant funds directly.
    - **Note:** Grant funds paid directly to the recipient are considered taxable income.
- Grant recipients who are affiliated with a college/university will work with their campus research staff to determine the appropriate mechanism to receive the funds.
- Within 3 months of study completion, recipients must submit/return:
    - Receipts for all items purchased with DIFM DPG Research Grant Funds
    - Any unused funds
- If the recipient is unable to conduct the research, all unspent funds must be returned to DIFM DPG within 3 months of the suspension of the study.

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Applicant Information

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):

Home Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Membership Number:

Email Address:

FOR STUDENTS ONLY (Student must have support and approval from primary research advisor)

Institution:

Department:

City and State:

Program: _____ BS _____ MS _____ PhD _____ Other (Please specify):

Current GPA in Program:

Primary Research Advisor's Information

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):

Title:

Phone:

Email Address:

SIGNATURES

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR STUDENTS ONLY:
Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

DIFM DPG Research Grant Application

Provide the following items using 11- or 12-point font, single or 1.5 spaced with 1" margins.

A. Personal Statement (two pages maximum) **addressing:**
   a. How grant funds will benefit DIFM DPG and RDNs interested in integrative and functional medicine
   b. How receiving this grant will aid the career of the applicant
   c. How the applicant will have time to complete the proposed research

B. Research Proposal including the following items:
   a. **Proposal Title**

   b. **Introduction and Background** (one page maximum)

   c. **Study Justification** (two pages maximum)**, including:**
      i. Research Question
      ii. Specific Aims and/or Hypothesis

   d. **Study Design and Methods** (two pages maximum)

   e. **Timeline for Completion** (one page maximum)

C. Detailed Budget with Justifications (one page maximum), **including:**
   a. Existing sources of funding for this project
   b. Other sources of funding sought for this project

D. Reference List (Does not count toward any of the above page limits)

E. Description of Expertise, Resources, and Environment (one page maximum)

F. STUDENTS ONLY:
   a. Submit a signed letter of support from the faculty member overseeing your research project (primary research advisor).
   b. Include the CV of their primary research advisor

NOTE: Submission of required components a & b does not count toward the page limit