

GRANT PROCESS AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

Grant Processes and Applications

Global Action uses three primary processes for identifying potential grants. These are: (i) [requests for proposals](#) and funding announcements; (ii) [solicited applications](#); and (iii) [unsolicited applications](#). All grant applications are submitted through the Organization's online grants submission system, which provides explicit and clear guidelines to grant applicants.

All proposed grant funded research must be designed and implemented in a manner that is consistent with research best practices and research ethical principles. In particular, all research involving human participants must be designed and implemented in a manner that is consistent with human subjects research best practices and ethical principles. These requirements may include seeking and receiving Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, fair recruitment, and participant informed consent. Research proposals involving human participants receive an additional level of review to assess that these criteria will be met.

Below are some websites that provide general information regarding research involving human subjects. This list is not intended to be exhaustive. All investigators who intend to conduct grant funded research involving human subjects must comply with their host institution policies relating to human subjects research and are encouraged to obtain detailed information and training on this topic from their host institution.

[The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity - ALLEA](#)
[Ethical Codes & Research Standards | HHS.gov](#)
[Guiding Principles for Ethical Research | National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#)
[research_ethics_and_integrity_awareness.pdf \(ed.ac.uk\)](#)

Open Science Principles

All grant funded research must be conducted in a manner that is consistent with Open Science principles. Open Science is the principle and practice of making research products and processes available to all, while respecting diverse cultures, maintaining security and privacy, and fostering collaborations, reproducibility, and equity. In line with this practice, grantees are required to publish in open access journals, disseminate their findings, and, where appropriate, share published materials, code, and data for research purposes. Grantees are encouraged, but not required, to consider depositing articles on a publicly accessible preprint server.

Scientific Review Criteria

The following review criteria will be applied in the review of all research grant proposals:

Criteria 1: Importance of the Research (25%)

- a) Significance
- b) Actionability
- c) Alignment with Global Action research priorities

Criteria 2: Research Factors (50%)

- a) Methodological Approach
- b) Feasibility
- c) Approach to Human Subjects Protection/Data Confidentiality (as appropriate)

Criteria 3: Expertise and Resource (25%)

- a) Qualifications of Principle Investigators and Named Staff
- b) Research Environment

Criteria Assessed but Not Scored

- a) Budget
- b) Communication and Dissemination Plan (if relevant)

All grant applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications via email after funding decisions are finalized.

Cessation Education and Dissemination Project Review Criteria

Global Action also funds grants for cessation education projects. The following review criteria will be applied in the review of these types of grant proposals:

Criteria 1: Importance of the Project (25%)

- a) Significance
- b) Actionability
- c) Alignment with Global Action priorities

Criteria 2: Project Factors (50%)

- a) Implementation Approach
- b) Feasibility

Criteria 3: Expertise and Resource (25%)

- a) Qualifications of Project Leads and Named Staff
- b) Organizational Resources and Project Environment

Criteria Assessed but Not Scored

- a) Budget
- b) Communication and Dissemination Plan (if relevant)

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