

Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association
Supported Research Program
GRANT SUBMITTAL GUIDELINES

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The purpose of the EATA supported research program is to facilitate the advancement of the athletic training professional. Funding priority will be given to basic, applied, and service related research initiatives. Research initiatives should focus on the domains of athletic training as identified in the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA Role Delineation Study)

Research Personnel Requirements

Interdisciplinary collaboration between athletic trainers and other health-care researchers is encouraged. It is imperative that appropriate standards be maintain when conducting research. Fostering of high standards of excellence in research can best be attained by included qualified personnel, as per the focus of the research study, who can serve to ensure that the findings are acceptable in accordance with peer review. Furthermore, the primary investigator must be a certified member of NATA and a member of EATA (District I or II).

Submittal Requirements

Applicants are required to *electronically* submit the grant proposal to the Grants Sub-Committee chair by March 15th. Additionally, each applicant must submit one copy of the completed application form, EATA Supported Research Program, to the Grants Sub-Committee Chair post-marked by March 15th. The primary investigator will be required to make an oral presentation of the research findings at the EATA Annual Meeting in the year following the formal award announcement.

Instructions for Submission:

1. Prepare your original proposal in a WORD file
2. Send the WORD file as an attachment to an email to Ryan Tierney at rtierney@temple.edu.
3. If you must send the file in Macintosh format, please provide it in a text or rich text file

LEVEL OF FUNDING:

1. 1-year grant for a maximum of \$8,000.00 for project use only
2. *Conference Presentation expenses to include travel, registration and one night hotel stay.*
3. *At their discretion, the grant committee may fund multiple grants at a lower level. In this case only one grant shall be awarded the conference presentation expenses.*

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

Completed application must be postmarked by March 15th; proposal must be received electronically by March 15th. Recipients will be notified by August 1st pending approval of the EATA Executive Board. The formal award announcement will be made at the subsequent EATA Annual Meeting.

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Application Guidelines

Evaluating the appropriateness as well as the quality of the research proposal necessitates an accurate, thorough, complete description of the research study. To this end, information specific to the study's purpose, related literature, protocol and methodology, perceived benefits, budgets, faculty resumes, and assurance of compliance must be provided.

The proposal cannot exceed the page limits listed below. It should be written in a comprehensive manner and should be able to stand-alone without the need for appendices. Therefore, Appendices will not be accepted in the grant document. Proposals should be single-spaced with margins of at least 1.0 inch and use a reasonable font size (10 or 12). Each page should be numbered and display the name of the Principal Investigator.

The Grant Proposal contents and specific page limitations are as follows:

- *Purpose of the Study* – one page maximum
- *Related Literature Review* – two page maximum
- *Rationale* - one-page maximum
- *Alphabetical Bibliography*
- *Study Protocol/Methodology* – two page maximum
 - *If you are performing a survey, please include the entire instrument*
- *Anticipated Benefits* – one page maximum
- *Itemized Research Budget*
- *Curriculum Vitae of all Research Team Members* – must use EATA form

Upon receipt of the grant application, a mechanical review will be conducted to ensure that the application includes all requested materials and is presented in the requested format. An application will be considered incomplete and returned if it is not typed, it fails to adhere to the aforementioned instructions, or the material presented is insufficient to permit an adequate review. Review of all submitted proposals and selection of the award recipient will be the responsibility of the Research Committee. Grants will be reviewed based on:

- The overall neatness and thoroughness of the grant application
- The purpose, objectives, and goals of the study should be concise, clearly stated, and related to athletic training.
- The literature review should be complete, concise, and establish relevance for the study.
- The research design and statistical analyses should be appropriate for the hypotheses.
- The appropriate instrumentation should be utilized.
- The authors should have established an appropriate level of power.
- Pilot work having been completed.
- The benefits to field of athletic training research and athletic training clinicians are clearly stated.
- The budget is appropriate for the investigation, detailed and understandable, and vital in success of the proposed study.

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- The research team's potential for research

REVIEW PROCEDURES

1. Each submitted grant will be evaluated by content experts for appropriate methods
2. Upon the recommendation of the content expert, the grant will either be eliminated from consideration or forwarded to the committee for full review
3. Those grants that are identified for full review will then be reviewed by no less than 5 independent reviewers
 - a. all reviewers must review all remaining grants
 - b. reviewers will "rank" the grants and make a recommendation of fundability
 - c. in order for the reviews to be independent, reviewers will not be from the same institution/lab
4. Feedback will be provided to researchers if available.

AWARD RECIPIENT OBLIGATION:

1. It is requested that the primary investigator be present at the EATA business meeting the year following the award notification for the formal award announcement and to accept the initial award.
2. A head & shoulders photograph with a brief biography will be provided by the primary investigator and submitted to the EATA Information Chair for display in the EATA Information Center by September 1st of the grant award year.
3. The primary investigator must make an oral presentation of the research finding at the EATA Annual Meeting in the year following the formal award announcement.
4. The primary investigator must submit presentation handouts to the conference program chair by November 1st prior to the conference presentation
5. A brief summary or abstract of the completed grant project will be provided by the primary investigator and submitted to the EATA Information Chair for display in the EATA Information Center by the November 1st **prior to conference presentation.**
6. The presenter will be acknowledged at the Banquet the year of the presentation at which time the final payment will be released.

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION:

Pertinent information may be found at the EATA website: <http://www.goeata.org/>

Or by request:

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Research Grant Award Schedule

DEADLINE DATE	ACTION
Postmarked by March 15 th	Deadline for Submitting Application to Research Committee
April 1 st	Applications distributed to committee members for review
May 30 th	Committee identifies an award recipient
June 15 th	Chair, Research Committee recommends to EATA president and Executive Board
August 1 st	Award recipient notified of selection (pending EATA Executive Board approval) and requested to be at EATA Annual meeting (January) for award announcement
January	Requested attendance at EATA business meeting to accept award
January subsequent year	Present research findings at EATA

Award Payment Schedule:

First Payment (50%): upon request to the EATA Treasurer and is available upon award notification.

Second Payment (25%): is available upon request to the EATA Treasurer after the completion of data collection. Request must be accompanied by a formal report.

Third Payment (25%): given to the primary investigator at the awards banquet, the year of the presentation. A final formal report is required.