

EATA Grant Review Process

Each EATA Grant submission is evaluated by at least 5 reviewers (e.g., 4 research committee members and 1 outside content expert) using a standardized evaluation form that asks reviewers to judge the following:

1. Overall grant presentation
 - a. Neatness
 - b. Completeness
 - c. Spelling and grammar
 - d. Format
2. Study purpose
 - a. Page limit maintained
 - b. Objective clearly stated
 - c. Related to athletic training
 - d. Clear and concise
 - e. Goal clearly stated
3. Literature review
 - a. Page limit maintained
 - b. Clear and concise
 - c. Comprehensive
 - d. Relevance established
4. Rationale
 - a. Page limit maintained
 - b. Clear and concise
 - c. Justification for funding appropriate
 - d. Impact on athletic training profession
5. Study Protocol and Methods
 - a. Page limit maintained
 - b. Design appropriate for hypothesis
 - c. Statistical design advanced and appropriate
 - d. Clear and concise
 - e. Appropriate instrumentation
 - f. Appropriate level of power
 - g. Appropriate pilot work performed
6. Anticipated benefit to athletic training
 - a. Clear and concise
 - b. Benefits to athletic training research
 - c. Benefit to athletic training clinician
7. Budget
 - a. Appropriate for investigation
 - b. Detailed and understandable
 - c. Impact grant will have on study success
8. Investigators
 - a. Lead investigators potential/skill for research
 - b. Research team members potential/skill for research

The above criteria are each judged on a likert scale (e.g., 0-3) and a total score is tallied. Reviewers are also asked to provide an overall impression (0-5) and recommendation to fund (0-3). These 3 scores are used to assess each grant submitted and determine an annual recipient.

Note: the same research committee members read each grant (i.e., repeated measures) and an outside content expert is chosen based on committee input.