



Grant Application for Research

SafeMinds Policies for Funding

1. SafeMinds does not have a grant application deadline but reviews proposals when submitted. Submissions should help achieve our mission which is to identify the environmental causes of autism and related disorders. Our priority focus is mercury but we are interested in investigations of any environment contributor, as well as research on autism endophenotypes which reflect response to environmental exposures. We also fund pilot research on biomedical treatments for autism.
2. We are especially interested in novel, high risk studies which can provide preliminary data to obtain larger grants from other institutions. We may provide travel costs to important meetings, bridge funding to complete a larger project, and extensions to ongoing projects to add objectives of relevance to our mission.
3. Funding is limited. Due to our size, we mostly fund small projects from \$5,000 to \$75,000/year. As a small non-profit organization, SafeMinds has a no overhead policy on grants. All funding should be used to cover direct costs of the investigation. We primarily fund investigators at academic institutions but will fund investigators at small start-up businesses.
4. Investigations that involve humans as research subjects, animals or recombinant DNA techniques must comply with the current guidelines of the Department of Health and Human Services in addition to IRB approval. By accepting the grant, the grantee agrees to accept responsibility for such compliance. A copy of the IRB approval will be required prior to the issuance of funds.
5. New grantees must begin their studies within six months of the approved start date. Failure to begin the study within this time frame may result in withdrawal of the grant award. No cost extensions may be granted if reasonable cause is given. Otherwise, projects not completed on time may not receive final funding. Should the primary investigator terminate the research project prior to completion, SafeMinds retains the right to request reimbursement of any project funding.
6. Interim reports are due every 6 months for the life of the project. A final report is due within 90 days of project completion. The report must include data and analysis. A final financial report is also due at the completion of the project which outlines distribution of funds.
7. The principal investigator will make good faith effort to gain publication in an indexed peer-reviewed journal. Findings which are not accepted in a journal will be posted for public access on the investigator's website or on the SafeMinds website within 1 year of project completion. Investigators may be invited to present study results at a SafeMinds-sponsored research forum. Additionally, you will be expected to update SafeMinds periodically on your recent publications and current research projects.
8. SafeMinds will be acknowledged as providing support for the investigation. SafeMinds expects funded investigators to assist us with the important task of disseminating new research findings, especially to our constituents and donors who are responsible for generating financial support for our research grants program.

Application

Applying PI Name:

Institution or business:

Mailing address:

Title:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Project Title:

Project Summary:

Amount Requested

\$

Amount requested annually for how many years

\$

per year for _____ years

Total Project Cost

\$

If full amount requested cannot be granted, what amount would be helpful to start project? \$

Describe the basic problem/need.

Describe the methods you will use to address the problem or meet the need.

Describe your objectives/what you wish to accomplish.

Describe how the project you envision, and its findings, will translate into helping children/adults with autism/neurological disorders.

Will you be collaborating with any other investigators, organizations or groups? If so, please describe below.

Timing – list date(s) and or timeframe of the project from start date or current status to estimated completion.

Budget for the project. List the principal cost elements of the project and indicate the total cost. Indicate how the entire project will be funded including in-kind contributions or contributions from other donors.

Please submit completed application or questions to:

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