

R3 *Making Research Relevant & Ready*

The goal of the R3 grant program is to help researchers better prepare their health interventions for adoption and use in real world settings. The R3 funds will enable grantees to access consultants in areas relevant to scaling, spread, and implementation.

R3 was developed to help promote knowledge created from research so that it will improve health. In creating this program, we recognize that expertise from disciplines outside those traditionally eligible for research funding is needed for scaling, dissemination, and sustainability of evidence-based programs and practices. It is the Foundation's goal to provide researchers access to expertise from disciplines outside those traditionally eligible for research funding needed for scaling, dissemination. The R3 award offers financial support to enable researchers to make progress toward uptake of evidence based practices into clinical and systems settings.

I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The R3 program is only open to former and current Donaghue grantees. In order to receive the R3 award, the applicant must demonstrate how previous Donaghue funding has directly led to the intervention or evidence-based practice or program for which the grant monies will be used. Grantees may use this award to augment funding for a project already supported through other sources.

II. STANDARDS FOR PROJECT SELECTION

The Donaghue Foundation uses high standards in project evaluation and selection. In reviewing the grant applications, the Foundation will evaluate:

- The stated barriers to and opportunities for implementing your clinical or health systems intervention outside of a research or academic setting.
- The match between the proposed project and the resources requested to address these implementation questions.
- The match between the consultant's expertise you are seeking and the tasks to be accomplished.
- Your plans to use results of the project funded by the R3 grant to advance uptake.

III. USE OF GRANT FUNDS

The R3 award will support grantees and the consultants with whom they contract to undertake a specific project proposed in the application. The nature of the funded projects may vary widely; however, to be considered, the outcomes of all funded projects should result in the grantees and their teams gaining insight and/or tools that will make their research-based intervention, program or practice more sustainable and replicable and therefore more likely to have a positive health impact.

The following kinds of activities will be considered for funding through the R3 award:

- Prospective user or customer research such as focus groups and interviews
- Material and website design
- Strategic, business, marketing, or planning for sustainability
- Outreach, public relations, or social media strategies to reach key audiences
- Identification of avenues for policy and/or practice change
- Program or product refinement and packaging
- IT enhancement and integration
- Application of knowledge translation strategies
- Design and testing of training or implementation guides

Applicants will have the opportunity to propose other activities in their application.

The Donaghue Foundation has identified a number of individuals and organizations who have agreed to make themselves available to work with grantees (the list is available on our website www.donaghue.org with the R3 grant application materials). Grantees may elect to work with one of these consultants or choose one of their own. Consultants must agree to the specific engagement criteria for this award, including engagement length, compensation guidelines, and deliverables.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUPPORT

Any publications resulting from funded work performed during the grant period must acknowledge support from “The Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation.”

V. CHANGE OF STATUS

A. Transfer of Award

Grant awards are not transferable in the event that the principal investigator elects to terminate his or her relationship with the applicant institution, except with the prior written permission of the Donaghue Foundation. Any unused funds, including any budgeted indirect costs calculated on a pro rata basis, must be returned to the Foundation.

B. Other Change of Status

It is the responsibility of the principal investigator and the recipient institution to notify the Foundation of any change in the status of the investigator(s) or the research project in a timely manner and not less than 60 days prior to such change. The Foundation will then promptly determine whether or not to allow the grant to continue.

VI. PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE

In accordance with Donaghue Foundation policy disfavoring the use of public trust funds for private financial gain, researchers must provide certain assurances to the Foundation in order to obtain grant funds.

By signing this application, an investigator is certifying that, except as otherwise disclosed and fully explained in writing to the Foundation, (1) no personnel listed as participating in this grant has a financial interest in the project for which funding is sought, and (2) no personnel has a financial connection with any business entity involved in the project .

VII. OTHER POLICIES

As a general matter, grants will be made using a detailed and sometimes negotiated funding agreement. Please note that the Donaghue Foundation has established policies regarding changes in declared budgets, nepotism, and use of interest earned, as well as various other matters. Grant recipients are encouraged to contact the Foundation directly with any questions regarding these policies.

VIII. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Your completed grant application must be sent via email to R3@donaghue.org and received **no later than Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 5pm**. The emailed application must include electronic signatures on the face sheet for the Principal Investigator and the institutional officer. *You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt within 72 hrs of your application submission.*

The following document formatting is required:

- Standard typeface of 10-15 characters per inch or 11-12 point size
- Include the Principal Investigator name in the footer of each page following the face sheet
- No more than six lines of text within a vertical inch
- One-inch margins all around on all sides

The following sections must be included and numbered as follows:

Section 1 - Application Face Sheet

This page includes space to include the project title, contact information, and signature lines. The principal investigator(s) and responsible institutional officer(s) must sign this form (electronic signature).

Section 2 - Project Description

1. Describe the original Donaghue funded project. (100 words or fewer)
2. Describe the clinical/health intervention that you will use the R3 funds to advance. (100 words or fewer)
3. Describe the current barriers or opportunities for implementing your clinical/health intervention and how these will be addressed in the R3 project.
4. Describe the proposed R3 project. Include how this project fits with work that you have already done or plan to do to increase adoption.
5. Describe the resources or expertise needed to complete this project. Include a description of resources other than the R3 grant that will support this project.
6. State explicitly what you expect to accomplish at the end of the project, how you will assess what you accomplished, and how it will advance your work.

This description may include references but may not exceed four pages. Supplementary material (including appendices) will not be accepted. Please maintain the formatting noted above (i.e. 11-12 point typeface standard font, no more than six lines per vertical inch, and 1" margins throughout).

Section 3 - Internal Team

Use the space provided to identify the team members and note their qualifications, prospective role, and contact details. Attach biosketches (NIH short version) for the Principal Investigator and all internal team members

Section 4 - External Consultants

Use the space provided to include the name and contact information (website address, contact name, email and phone number) for the external consultants or consulting firms you plan to contract with for your project. Attach biosketches or CVs, note qualifications, prospective role, and a description of the scope of work they will provide.

Section 5 - Estimated Proposed Budget

Use the space provided to list expected costs related to completing this project. Indirect costs, not to exceed 10% of direct costs, may be requested by the applicant institution. Clearly indicate the budget dollars which will go to support external consultants.

For further information on the application procedures and forms, please visit our website at www.donaghue.org or contact the Donaghue Foundation at (860)521- 9011 or email us at r3@donaghue.org.

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