

**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 the 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 with financial support to access those consultants, thus better positioning the health interventions to grow and be sustained following the completion of the research phase. The result? Stronger research and improved health.

**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. R3 grantees may use this award to augment funding for a project already funded by another grant.

**II. STANDARDS FOR PROJECT SELECTION**

Working with its Advisory Committee, the Donaghue Foundation uses high standards in project evaluation and selection. In reviewing the grant applications, the Advisory Committee will evaluate:

- The stated barriers to implementing your clinical/health intervention.
- The match between the proposed project and the resources requested to address these implementation barriers.
- The match between the consultant's expertise and tasks to be accomplished.
- Your plans to use results of the project funded by the R3 grant.

**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/customer research: focus groups and interviews
- Material and website design
- Strategic, business, marketing planning for sustainability
- Outreach, public relations, and/or social media strategy
- Product refinement and packaging
- IT enhancement/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](http://www.donaghue.org)). Grantees may elect to work with one of these consultants or choose one of their own. Donaghue reserves the right to approve the selection of all consultants, and contracted 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 a Full Application, an investigator is certifying that, except as otherwise disclosed and fully explained in writing to the Foundation, (1) he or she has no financial interest in the project for which funding is sought, and (2) he or she has no 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 in particular 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 received via email to R3@donaghue.org **no later than 5:00pm on June 3, 2019**. The emailed application must include electronic signatures on the face sheet for the PI and the institutional officer. *You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt within 24 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 builds on the work that you have already done or plan to do and specifically how the R3 project will move your clinical/health intervention closer to being adopted by its intended stakeholders.
5. Describe the resources or expertise needed to complete this project. Include a description of any 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 use 11-12 point typeface standard font.

**Section 3- Internal Team**

Use the space provided to identify the team members and note their qualifications, prospective role, and contact details.

**Section 4- External Consultant(s)**

Use the space provided to include the name and contact information (website address, contact name, email and phone number) for the consulting firm(s) you are considering contracting with for your project.

**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.

**Section 6- Biosketches**

Attach biosketches (NIH short version) for the principal investigator and all internal team members.

**Section 7- External Consultant(s) Proposed Scope of Work**

Attach the description of the scope of work and proposed budget provided by all of the consultants you are considering contracting with for your project. Include biosketches or CVs.

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

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