FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

R3 Making Research Relevant & Ready

I was not the PI on the original Donaghue funded work; can I still submit a LOI?
Yes, if you have been an integral part of the project you may submit an LOI. If you are invited to submit an application, you will need to provide a letter of support from the initial PI.

Can more than one letter of intent come from my institution?
Absolutely. We welcome letters from all former grantees regardless of how many come from one institution.

Can I submit more than one LOI?
Yes. However, if more than one LOI is approved you will only be able to submit one application.

Can we use this grant to test an approach to scaling/implementation, or are the R3 funds to be used only for developing a scaling/implementation plan?
Either could be appropriate. Ultimately, the funded projects should result in the grantees’ intervention being more sustainable and replicable and therefore more likely to have a positive health impact.

Is Donaghue moving away from funding research? This seems to be very different than your other grant programs.
Donaghue currently funds and will continue to fund research. R3 was developed to help promote knowledge created from research so that it will improve health, which is part of the Foundation’s mission. The activities from R3 will help promote knowledge from previous research funded by the Foundation. The total amount of the Foundation’s expenditures on the R3 program is small compared to our research funding.

Why does the R3 grant not have a specific due date for LOI submissions?
Because this grant program is open only to past and current Donaghue awardees, we are able to be more flexible and invite applicants to submit when they feel that the intervention or innovation that Donaghue funded in its research phase would now benefit from the R3 grant funding.

Will Donaghue consider funding more than four awards since there is no special deadline for submitting LOIs?
Based on the level of interest in the R3 program in past years, we expect that we will meet the interest by planning on giving out four awards in this calendar year. The Foundation does have some flexibility and will consider funding additional awards.

In past years, the R3 materials included a list of consultants as a resource to applicants. That list is no longer provided, why?
The list was helpful to applicants during the early years of this program. Over time we have found that most applicants know with whom they would like to work when they submit their LOI.
Applicants to R3 may reach out to the Donaghue staff if they would like guidance on how to go about finding the appropriate expertise to support their project.

**May I talk to someone at the foundation about my idea before the LOI deadline?**
Yes. We would be happy to speak to you about your idea. You can call the Foundation or email r3@donaghue.org if you have questions. Please note the Foundation is happy to talk to you and answer questions, but will not review written drafts of your LOI.

**What do you mean by former grantee? I currently have a grant with the Donaghue Foundation, so am I eligible to apply?**
If you currently have an active grant or are on a no-cost extension with a Donaghue grant, you are eligible to apply (with the exception of being an R3 grantee). **If you currently have an R3 grant you are not eligible to apply.** Because grant recipients of the R3 program may use their grant funds in conjunction with an ongoing research grant, current Donaghue grantees may use an R3 award in conjunction with their current Donaghue grant. In considering whether to apply for an R3 grant, you should keep in mind that letters of intent will be judged on the readiness of the project to effectively utilize the R3 funds. As stated before, you can call the Foundation or email r3@donaghue.org if you have further questions.

**Does the $50,000 grant award include an indirect?**
The Foundation will allow up to a maximum of 10% indirect on top of the $50,000 for the grant award.

**What is the R3 second opportunity grant? Who is eligible?**
Grantees who have already been given an R3 grant and who have identified a specific product or next step that will significantly enhance the outcomes of the R3 grant may request a second opportunity grant. Generally these are considered upon the completion of the R3 grant and based on the grantee achieving stated project goals.

We will be adding to this FAQ list as we receive additional questions. If you have a question, please contact the Foundation by emailing us at r3@donaghue.org.