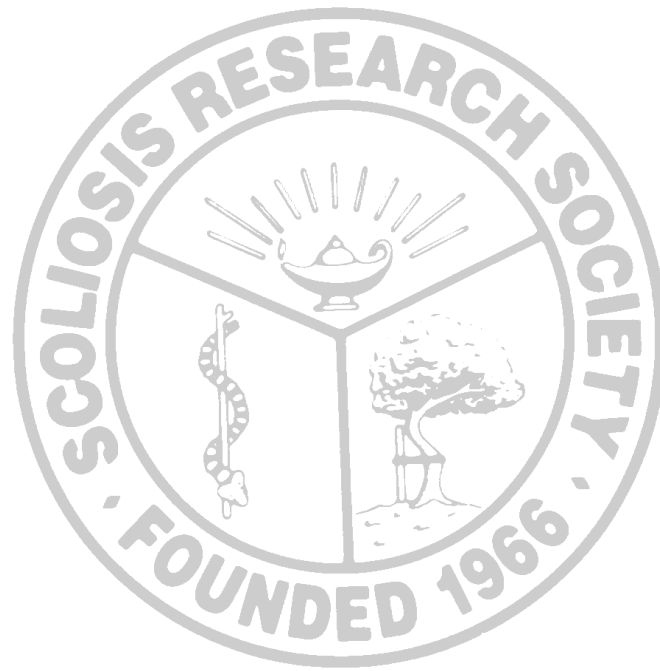


# *SMALL EXPLORATORY*

## RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION



**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**APRIL 1**

**OCTOBER 1**

### **Small Exploratory Grant**

This grant is designed specifically for new investigators who have a preliminary concept they would like to develop into a research project. The maximum grant award for this category is \$10,000. The maximum duration of research is one year. This grant does not require pilot data. It should, however, be able to generate pilot data that could be used when applying for a larger grant.

### **Instructions**

To apply for a research grant, please complete the application form, attach any additional required materials and e-mail to [ckissinger@srs.org](mailto:ckissinger@srs.org). This application form may also be found on the SRS Web site at [www.srs.org](http://www.srs.org). If you have any questions, please call 414-289-9107 or e-mail at [ckissinger@srs.org](mailto:ckissinger@srs.org). (*Applications submitted by fax will NOT be accepted.*)

### **Application deadline is April 1 and October 1**

### **General Guidelines**

- ❖ Applicants do not need to be members of the SRS.
- ❖ Funds are for work to be performed, not works in progress or already completed.
- ❖ All correspondence will be sent to the primary investigator. It is the responsibility of the primary investigator to provide information to co-investigators.
- ❖ The SRS Research Grant program was not developed to support research for independent manufacturers, industry development or personal business financial gain. SRS will be sensitive to this issue and avoid funding to these projects.

### **Page Limits**

Applications that go over the page limits will be sent back to the primary investigator and asked to meet the required limit.

- Application (starts on SE-4)- 6 pages
- Biographical Sketches – 1 page/person
- Research Plan – 4 pages. Text includes all figures, charts, tables, and diagrams

## Selection Process

Research Grant applications are reviewed by the Research Grant committee. Applications are rated on the basis of their scientific merit and include the following criteria:

**Significance:** Does it address the significance of the topic, either health burden or biological importance?

**Approach:** Are the aims of the project clear and reasonable in the context of the project?

**Feasibility:** Can the investigators deliver a result?

All persons submitting an application do so with the understanding that they will abide by the conditions, deadline policies and decisions of the Committee. The number and amount of research grants awarded each year are at the discretion of the Research Grant Committee and the Research Council.

## Statement of Conditions

It is understood that any award approved and funded by the Scoliosis Research Society will be made on the following conditions:

- ❖ Funds will be paid out the following: Year 1 80%; upon approval of final report – 20%.
- ❖ You will submit your findings as an abstract to the SRS Annual Meeting or IMAST, with no guarantee of acceptance, before submitting to any other meeting.
- ❖ The amount of the award will be expended for the support of the person or project described in the application and none of the funds will be diverted to overhead expenses. The Investigator will immediately notify the SRS if support for the same person or project is received from other sources, in which case, the award will terminate and the unexpended balance will be returned to the Society.
- ❖ An annual report detailing expenditures, the progress of the work and any papers submitted or accepted for publication under the award will be furnished to the Chairman of the Research Grant Committee until the project is completed. If the annual report is not received within the specified timeframe, SRS will withhold payment.
- ❖ A final report will be furnished to the Chairman and to the Society by both the responsible Institutional Financial Officer and the Primary Investigator no later than two (2) months after the termination of the grant. **If the final report is not received within the specified timeframe, SRS will withhold payment and not allow further SRS grant funding for future proposals.**
- ❖ If for any reason the project for which funds allocated cannot be undertaken, a full refund of the grant moneys will be made to the SRS.
- ❖ If for any reason the project for which funds were allocated is terminated prematurely, a full accounting of the funds expended to the time of termination will be furnished to the Chairman of the Research Grant Committee within 90 days of such termination and all unexpended funds returned to the Society.
- ❖ The SRS will not provide funding for “indirect” charges by the primary investigator’s institution.

## Citation

SRS must be cited as the source of funding in any publication, presentation or in any publicity resulting from the award or its results.

# Application for Research Funding “Small Exploratory”

Application Deadlines: April 1 & October 1

Applications must be submitted via e-mail to [ckissinger@srs.org](mailto:ckissinger@srs.org)

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Investigator:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Period: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Total Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Max: \$10,000)

Institutional Approval:  Yes  No

Was Institutional Research Committee approval obtained?

Fiscal Officer:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposal Abstract:** (Purpose and Description – not to exceed 200 words)

**Project Budget Summary:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Personnel	
Materials	
Equipment	
<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Supplemental Information:**

Is work currently in progress in this research?

Yes       No

Have you applied elsewhere for support of this project?

Yes       No

**Assurance Statement: (Grant will not be considered if box is not checked)**

The application summarized on these pages and further documented in the succeeding pages is submitted to the Scoliosis Research Society for consideration.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Investigator

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fiscal Officer

**Detailed Application:**

**A. Responsible Individuals:**

Principal Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Collaborating Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution where work will be done: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Proposed Budget**

<b>Personnel</b>	<b>% Effort</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Fringe</b>
<b>Total Personnel Cost:</b>		<b>\$</b>	

**C. Proposed Budget (continued)**

<b>Materials and Supplies</b> (itemize major items only)	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Equipment</b> (itemize major items only)	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cost</b>

**Total cost: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Facilities Available:** Describe the general facilities available for your research, including laboratory and hospital space and major items of permanent equipment:

**E. Biographical Sketches:** For Principal Investigator and any Collaborating Investigators, including date of birth, education (BA, BS, MS, PhD, MD) postgraduate training (internship, residency, fellowship), hospital and academic appointments, thesis titles and supervisors, and any relevant publications. Attach copies – one (1) page maximum per investigator.

**F. Research Plan:** This section should detail the specifics of the grant proposal. Use separate plain white 8.5 x 11 inch paper for this section of the request. The research plan should answer at a minimum the following questions: Attach copies – four (4) pages maximum.

1. Why is the work important?
2. What do you plan to do?
3. What has already been done?
4. How long will it take you to do the work?

It should be further organized as follows:

- I. **Specific Aims:** A concise statement of what the research is intended to accomplish and/or why hypothesis is to be tested.
- II. **Significance:** Briefly describe the background of the proposal, relating it to existing knowledge and published work. Identify the gaps in existing knowledge which the research is intended to fill and state concisely the importance of the project.
- III. **Materials and Methods:** Detail the experimental design and procedures to be used to accomplish the Specific Aims of the Project. Describe a tentative sequence or timetable of investigation and the means by which the data will be analyzed and interpreted.
- IV. **Supporting Data:** Briefly describe any previous work done on this project.