

GRANTMAKING

Research Grant Eligibility Quiz

My funding request will not be used to start a business or fund patent expenses.

My research project activities contribute to closing economic mobility gaps through [college access and completion](#), [workforce and career development](#), or [entrepreneurship](#).

My organization's activities drive impact on at least one of these strategic priorities.

- College access and completion
 - Workforce and career development
 - Entrepreneurship
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In alignment with the strategic priorities, we are seeking research projects at the intersection of innovation and impact through the following focus areas. Please review the definitions of our [focus areas here](#).

- Essential Competencies and Skills
- Equitable Access
- Participation and Belonging
- Education and Employer Connection

My research project drives impact on at least one of the focus areas.

My research project request has the potential to drive impact in the Kansas City region.

The Kauffman Foundation is unable to provide funding for the following:

- bricks and mortar, including buildings or housing
- endowments
- institutions that discriminate
- loans, expenses, or seed capital for a private business
- lobbying or political activities
- medical (physical or mental health)
- political, social, or fraternal organizations
- religious activities

- requests to fund individuals, including direct scholarships

I acknowledge that if my request is for one of the above, the Foundation reserves the right to deny my grant request.

Research Grant Application LOI

Organization & Contact Information

- Organization name and related contacts
- Does your organization participate in lobbying? {y/n}

Type of organization: (Checkable dropdown list of the following)

- College or university
- Think tank, policy, or research institution
- Other (if checked, a text box will populate and direct the applicant to expand)

Dates & Funding

- Start date
- End date
- Total Amount Requested (\$250,000 or more annually)
- Is the total research project budget different from the total amount requested? (if yes, a text box will populate and asking for Total project budget)
- Annual Organization Operating Budget

Alignment with Foundation's Priorities

The Kauffman Foundation has identified strategic priorities to close the economic mobility gap in the Kansas City region. Indicate the primary area in which your organization drives impact in alignment with the Foundation's strategic priorities.

- College access and completion
- Workforce and career development
- Entrepreneurship

If you have a secondary impact area in alignment with the Foundation's strategic priorities, please indicate here. (optional)

The Kauffman Foundation has identified focus areas to drive our strategic priorities. Select the focus areas in which your organization drives impact.

- Essential Competencies and Skills
- Equitable Access

- Participation and Belonging
- Education and Employer Connection

LOI Questions

Proposal summary (2800 characters): What are the specific aims of your proposed research project? What question(s) does your research project explore? What are your expected outcomes? In your summary also describe your research population, specifically in regards to the following: geographic area, age range, socioeconomic status, gender, race, ethnicity, or other particular demographic focus, if applicable.

Significance (1800 characters): The Foundation is soliciting research projects that inform, translate, and/or impact the Kansas City region – even if research is based in a different geographic area or context. Please describe the significance of your proposed research project and what ways it will impact or inform efforts to close economic mobility gaps in the Kansas City region.

Measurement, analysis, and outcomes (2600 characters): Detail your methodological approach, including the following: your study design, what and how you plan to measure or analyze the data, what tools or skills you will utilize; and why your methodological approach is appropriate for achieving the proposed research aims and study outcomes. Share how you plan to communicate findings and results.

Timeline and high-level budget (1500 characters): Please share a high-level proposed project timeline, key milestones and deliverables, and total anticipated funding per year (applicants who are invited to the full proposal stage will be asked for a detailed budget).

Capacity and expertise (1800 characters): Please describe your and/or your team's expertise in the proposed research area. Why are you uniquely qualified to lead this work? Additionally, detail your experience managing or supporting grants, including any experience managing research projects of similar scope.

How did you hear about this opportunity?

The Kauffman Foundation is interested in learning how people hear about our work. Please share how you learned about our strategic direction and new grantmaking priorities.

- Kauffman-hosted community engagement session
- Kauffman email
- Kauffman website
- Kauffman Facebook
- Kauffman Instagram
- Kauffman LinkedIn
- Dr. DeAngela Burns-Wallace LinkedIn
- Kauffman associate

- News media story
- Previous grantee
- Other community event (please specify)
- Other community sources (please specify)

Research Grant Application Full

Organization & Contact Information

- The following information regarding demographics will not be used to make decisions on who is awarded grants.
 - Leader (race/ethnicity & gender)
 - Principal Investigator (race/ethnicity & gender)
 - Governing Board (race/ethnicity & gender)
- Do you have audited financial statements to attach in the document section below?
 - If no, without audited financial statements, we ask you to respond to the following questions related to the segregation of duties in your financial operations.

Dates & Funding

- Please list any other grants currently obtained, or being sought, to support the proposed research. If other funding supports this work, please indicate any associated project timelines. (Text field)
- Project Grant Budget
- In no more than two paragraphs, share a budget narrative highlighting your key expenses to implement this project.
- In the table below, summarize how you would spend the proposed Kauffman Foundation grant by including the grant budget by expense categories. The sum of the expense categories should equal this grant request.

Your grant reporting to the Kauffman Foundation will include progress against this budget.

Application Questions

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Prepopulated from LOI: Significance (1800 characters): The Foundation is soliciting research projects that **inform**, translate, and/or impact the Kansas City region – even if research is based in a different geographic area or context. Please describe the significance of your proposed research project and what ways it will impact or **inform** efforts to close economic mobility gaps in the Kansas City region.

Prepopulated from LOI but optional to expand: Measurement, analysis, and outcomes (1800 characters): Detail your methodological approach, including the following: your study design, what and how you plan to measure or analyze the data, what tools or skills you will utilize; and why your methodological approach is appropriate for achieving the proposed research aims and study outcomes. Share how you plan to communicate findings and results.

Dissemination and impact (2600 characters): Describe how the findings and results you communicate will affect change, and how change will be measured. For example, responses could detail how research will contribute to change in policy narratives; increased community capacity; program design change; or other systemic impacts.

Prepopulated from LOI: Timeline and budget (1500 characters): Please share a high-level proposed project timeline, key milestones and deliverables, and total anticipated funding per year.

Prepopulated from LOI, but direct to expand: Capacity and expertise (1800 characters): Please describe your and/or your team's expertise in the proposed research area. Why are you uniquely qualified to lead this work? Additionally, detail your experience managing or supporting grants, including any experience managing research projects of similar scope.

EXPANSION (1400 characters): Discuss any relevant past projects in detail.

Inclusive practices (1800 characters): Describe how equitable approaches and processes are embedded in this work. For example, responses could detail positionality and plans to address potential biases; plans to disaggregate data by race, gender, and geography; or plans to engage, connect, and gather feedback from communities and community members involved in this research throughout the project duration.

OPTIONAL: Community engagement experience (3500 characters, not including letters of support): The Foundation is interested in supporting mutually beneficial, trusting relationships between researchers and community entities in engaged research projects. If your proposed project includes community partnership or engagement, please share:

- Your experience working with community partners.
- Your plan to develop or sustain the partnerships necessary for this research project.
- Please upload letters of support from any currently identified project partners. Please include contact information for those partners within the text box, as we may choose to follow up with named individuals during the review process.

Reporting and Evaluation Expectations

Measuring impact, communicating research findings, and disseminating learnings are priorities for the Kauffman Foundation. We encourage applicants with skillsets in research translation and impact to emphasize this experience in their proposals. However, funded applicants will work with the Kauffman team (regardless of previous experience) to ensure research products are shared with relevant audiences. Grantees can expect to work with the Kauffman team throughout the duration of their grant in several ways:

- Potential participation in ongoing learning and convening as part of communities of practice

- Engagement with grantees across research and practice to facilitate translation, community resonance, and impact

Documents

1. Your organization's annual budget (this can be a document you provide to your board)
2. Most recent financial statements (audited, if available)
3. Please complete this budget template and upload to your application
4. OPTIONAL: Upload up to three letters of support from partner organization(s) you have worked with for this application.