



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

William T. Grant Scholars

Who is eligible for the William T. Grant Scholars Award?

The award is designed for early-career researchers. Investigators at all nonprofit institutions, both in the United States and abroad, are eligible. Applicants must have received their terminal degree within seven years of submitting their application and be in a career-ladder position. We calculate this by adding seven years to the date the doctoral degree was conferred. In medicine, the seven-year maximum is dated from the completion of the first residency. The award may not be used as a post-doctoral fellowship.

Should I apply for an Investigator-Initiated grant or a William T. Grant Scholars Award?

The William T. Grant Scholars Program is a career development award designed to support promising junior scholars who seek to expand their expertise in new ways. Investigator-initiated awards do not have a career development component and instead support the research project exclusively. Information about the [eligibility requirements](#) of the William T. Grant Scholars Program is available on our website. If you are not eligible to apply for a William T. Grant Scholars grant, you may still be eligible for another [research grant](#).

May an institution nominate more than one candidate for the William T. Grant Scholars Award?

Yes, an institution may nominate more than one candidate for the William T. Grant Scholars Award. However, only one applicant may be nominated from a major division of an institution each year (e.g., College of Arts and Sciences, Medical School, major division of a nonprofit institution).

What comprises the William T. Grant Scholars Award?

The William T. Grant Scholars Awards are made to the applicant's institution, in the amount of \$350,000 per applicant, to support five-year research plans that demonstrate creativity, intellectual rigor, and a commitment to continued professional development. It is expected that the portion of the award used for the recipient's salary will be equivalent to the time freed for research in the program area as a result of the award. Salary requests from the Foundation must not exceed 50 percent of the current salary, which is received from the institution. The remainder of the funds may be used for support of the actual research. The William T. Grant Scholars award must not replace the institution's current support of the applicant's research nor should it duplicate any other funding, received or pending. The Foundation

also organizes capacity-building meetings each year for Scholars.

Does the William T. Grant Scholars Program fund research abroad?

We rarely fund international work. The William T. Grant Scholars Program funds research abroad only when it addresses an issue or question that has clear, compelling policy and practice implications for youth ages 8 to 25 in the United States.

Can mentor(s) and supporting letters of recommendation from supervisors and colleagues come from another institution than my own?

Yes, mentor(s) and supporting letters of recommendation from supervisors and colleagues may come from an institution other than the institution of the applicant. In fact, this is encouraged if it leads to mentor relationships that would not happen without this award.

Can someone apply for the William T. Grant Scholars Award more than once?

Yes, anyone can apply for the William T. Grant Scholars Award more than once. Several scholars have been selected upon re-application.

How can I receive more information about the William T. Grant Scholars Program?

You may [download the William T. Grant Scholars Application Guide online](#).