

## **Continuing Professional Development in Educational Scholarship Grant**

### **Overview**

- The purpose of this award is to provide monetary support for educational researchers seeking to develop their skills and advance their scholarship through continuing professional development activities. The purpose of the award is not to fund a specific research study, pilot project, or equipment needs.
- Applicants' use of funds should align with the EAC mission: "The mission of the Education Advancement Committee (EAC) is to identify short-term and long-term educational research priorities, to advance evidence-based scholarship, and to continually assess best practices related to athletic training education in order to enhance clinical practice and patient care" and the Prioritized Research Agenda for the Athletic Training Profession: <https://natajournals.org/doi/pdf/10.4085/1062-6050-374-18>
  - Use of funds includes many activities, such as completing a workshop to learn software, attending a teaching and learning conference, meeting with a collaborator or mentor, etc.
  - Funds cannot be used to conduct an actual research project or pilot study. Funds cannot be used for purchasing equipment, travel for data collection, payment of research subjects, and similar research activities. Applicants are encouraged to apply for NATA Foundation grants for research support.
- Funding
  - \$1,000 per person
  - 5 grants awarded per year
  - Preference will be given to those not awarded previously
  - Timeline
    - Applications due June 1<sup>st</sup>, EAC will review and approve proposals by June 30<sup>th</sup>, awardees will be notified by July 15<sup>th</sup>, and funds must be used and final report due by June 15<sup>th</sup> the following year. Activities that have already occurred will not be funded retroactively.
- Eligibility
  - To be eligible for funding, individuals must: 1) be a current NATA member and 2) have an NPI number.
- Review of applications:
  - Application evaluation rubric includes weighted scores for each section of the application. Priority areas include justification for support, alignment to the EAC mission and Research Agenda, and planned outcomes. Additional components reviewed include feasibility/timeline, mentor/colleague letter of support, and clarity of writing.
  - Each application will be reviewed by at least 5 EAC members prior to the NATA convention. Funding recommendations will be discussed and determined at the in-person EAC meeting at convention.
  - Any EAC members who applied for funding will be recused from the evaluation and discussion process.

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**Initial Application**

Applications should be submitted to [anitaj@nata.org](mailto:anitaj@nata.org) by June 1, 2020. Please contact the Educational Advancement Committee chair regarding any questions about the application, eligibility, or use of funds.

**Section 1: Applicant information**

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

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

NATA Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2: Funding Request**

Total amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Line item budget:

Item	Amount

**Section 3: Application questions. Please provide answers in two typed pages or less.**

1. Describe your current and past educational research activities and identify opportunities for improvement that exist.
2. Describe how this funding will help support your professional development as an educational researcher.
3. Discuss how the use of funds aligns with the NATA Education Advancement Committee's mission and the Prioritized Research Agenda for the Athletic Training Profession.
4. Describe the planned outcome of your use of funds (e.g. what skills will you learn, what project will you implement), including a timeline.
5. Identify a mentor or colleague and describe how they support your pursuit of this professional development project.

**Section 4: Attachments**

1. Curriculum vitae (≤10 pages)
2. Letter of support: Applicants should provide a letter of support from the mentor or colleague identified above. The letter should provide justification for the desired use of funds and how the *specific funds requested* will facilitate professional development of the applicant.

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### **Final Report**

**Due by June 15<sup>th</sup> the year after funds were awarded. Please answer questions in 2 typed pages or less.**

1. Summarize your use of funds and describe how the funding promoted your professional development as an educational researcher.
2. Discuss the outcome of your use of funds. For example, what skills have you acquired, what project(s) do you plan to complete, and/or what have the funds enabled you to do as an educational researcher?
  - a. Did the funding help contribute to any of the following, or similar activities: NATA Foundation grant submission, manuscript submission, professional presentation submission, etc. If so, please describe.
3. Describe your plans for future professional development as an educational researcher.