ASHT FOUNDERS GRANT

Application Form
General Information

I. Purposes NEW expanded funding for 2016
   a. Promote meaningful research in hand therapy through the funding of one or more
      grants available annually in the total combined maximum amount of $5,000. In 2016,
      $10,000 will be available for funding!
   b. Provide a simple, streamlined application for investigators to apply for seed money.
   c. Facilitate collaboration between the American Society of Hand Therapists (ASHT) and
      the American Hand Therapy Foundation (AHTF), as members of the tri-alliance.¹

II. Functions
   a. Scope of Research: The focus of the research must be within the domain of hand
      therapy, ranging from entry-level through more advanced lines of inquiry. The ASHT
      Founders Grant will only be awarded when proposals are sufficient in perceived
      feasibility and relevance to hand therapy. ASHT and AHTF will have the right and
      responsibility of verifying the appropriateness of the proposed research within the
      domain of hand therapy.
   b. Eligibility: Practitioners, graduate students, or tenured/untenured faculty at accredited
      occupational/physical therapy programs will be eligible for this award. At least one
      member of the research team must be a member of ASHT and their role in the proposed
      research must be clearly defined and significant to the project. AHTF board members
      and the ASHT board and Research Division Director will not be eligible for this grant.
   c. Funding: Funding for the grant will be provided by ASHT and distributed by AHTF.
      The proposed budget must be for direct costs of conducting the research only. Indirect
      costs will not be funded, and salary support will not be included for the applicant. The
      detailed budget must be itemized and cannot exceed $5,000. Adequate justification
      must accompany the budget. No travel or publication expenses are to be included in the
      budget.
   d. Grantee’s Obligation: In return for having been awarded the ASHT Founders Grant,
      grantees will be required to share their findings at the ASHT annual meeting. A
      scientific abstract should be submitted to ASHT within one year of study completion.
      Grantees will also be required to submit their completed research to a peer-reviewed
      journal for publication within one year following the completion of the project.

III. Application Process
   a. The applicant is required to submit a research proposal including: a statement of
      purpose, the study design, the Level of Evidence, and an abstract of the proposal, along
      with the following sections: Introduction, Materials and Methods (including the proposed
      statistical analyses to be employed), References, Research Timetable, Relevance to Hand
      Therapy, and Budget. The grant proposal should not exceed 2,000 total words in length.
   b. The grantee will be notified in writing. All aspects of the grant funding process,
      including but not limited to: grant review, identification of awardees, funds
      distribution, progress reporting, and closure, will be managed by AHTF. Funding
      for the grant will be provided by ASHT.

¹ The tri-alliance comprises the American Society of Hand Therapists (ASHT), the American Hand Therapy
Foundation (AHTF), and the Hand Therapy Certification Commission (HTCC).
Please submit the completed application form and research proposal to:

Caroline W. Stegink Jansen, PT, PhD, CHT, ahtfgrants@gmail.com, Director of Grants, AHTF.

For additional information, please contact:

Director, Education and Research
American Society of Hand Therapists
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Mount Laurel, NJ 08054
856-380-6862 (direct) / 856-439-0525 (fax)

IV. Review Guidelines
   Each application will be judged and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance to hand therapy and research agenda. 10 points
2. Originality and vision of the proposed study. 10 points
3. Clarity and appropriateness of the stated hypothesis. 10 points
4. Perceived feasibility of the objectives. 10 points
5. Quality of literature review and introduction. 10 points
6. Appropriateness of proposed materials and methods. 10 points
7. Appropriateness of the budget requested. 10 points
8. Feasibility of the proposed timetable. 10 points
9. Adequacy of equipment and facilities. 10 points
10. Potential for providing substantial evidence and generating new information or concepts. 10 points

Total Possible Score: 100 points
ASHT Founders Grant Application

Please fill in the following information and submit this page with grant proposal:

Name: _______________________________ Date: ______________________

Company/University: ______________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

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Telephone No.: _______________________________ Fax No.: _________________________________

E-mail: _____________________________________________ ASHT Member#: ________________________

Graduate Students (please circle): Yes No

Year/s in Graduate Program (please circle): 1 2 3 Post-Doc

Faculty Member (please circle): Yes No

Academic Department: _______________________________ Academic Rank: ________________________

Will this study involve the use of human subjects? Yes No

If yes, the study MUST be reviewed by and receive approval from the appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Human Subjects Committee and documentation of such approval submitted with the application.

Will this study involve the use of animal subjects? Yes No

If yes, the study MUST be reviewed by and receive approval from the appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Animal Subjects Committee and documentation of such approval submitted with the application.

Will this study involve the use of hazardous materials? Yes No

If yes, the study MUST be reviewed by and receive from the Director of Human Safety and Environmental Health (or equivalent) and documentation of such approval submitted with the application.

I understand the provisions and obligations of the ASHT Founders Grant and hereby acknowledge that the study described herein will be conducted by me, the undersigned.

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Signature of Applicant      Date