

GRANTMAKING

Research Grant Eligibility Quiz

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

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation (EMKF) seeks research projects that advance equitable economic mobility. My research project explores [college access and completion](#), [workforce and career development](#), or [entrepreneurship](#) through the lens of advancing equitable economic mobility.

EMKF's focus is funding research at a scope and scale to drive impact. The budgetary request for my research project is \$150,000 per year or higher.

My research project produces insights relevant to the Kansas City region. Note: proposed work need not take place in Kansas City, but applicants should explain how findings, comparisons, or lessons from other contexts apply here.

EMKF 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 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, EMKF reserves the right to deny my grant request.

Research Grant Application

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)

Requested demographic information is not used to make eligibility or award decisions.

- 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

- Start date
- End date
- Total Amount Requested (\$150,000 or more annually)
- Total research project budget
- Annual Organization Operating Budget
- 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)
- Detailed Project Grant Budget (utilize budget template attachment)

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

Alignment with Foundation's Priorities

EMKF identified strategic priorities to close economic mobility gaps in the Kansas City region and beyond. Indicate which strategic priority is the primary focus of your proposed research:

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

If you are exploring more than one strategic priority through your research, please indicate here. (optional)

Application Questions

Proposal summary (3000 characters): What are the specific aims of your proposed research or evaluation project? What question(s) does your project explore? What are your expected outcomes or deliverables (a non-exhaustive list of examples includes peer-reviewed publications, white papers or policy briefs, or other research products that support communities in accessing equitable economic mobility)? If applicable, specify your research population regarding the following: geographic area, age range, socioeconomic status, gender, race, ethnicity, or other demographic focus.

Significance (3000 characters): How does the proposed research advance existing peer reviewed research on this topic. Specifically, how does the work advance understanding of equitable economic mobility and/or our key strategy areas?

Application to Kansas City (3000 characters): EMKF is particularly interested in how research projects may inform our understanding of on-the-ground conditions in the Kansas City region directly or indirectly. Please describe how the proposed project might inform efforts to close economic mobility gaps in the Kansas City region. If possible, include data (qualitative or quantitative) demonstrating need, potential for impact, or Kansas City in comparison to your area of study.

Measurement, analysis, and outcomes (5000 characters): Detail your methodological approach, including the following: study design, how you plan to measure or analyze the data, tools or skills you will utilize; and how your methodological approach is appropriate to the proposed research aims.

Dissemination and impact (3000 characters): Describe how the findings and results you communicate will effect 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. Please share how you will communicate findings and results. Provide a detailed summary of each research product – noting which team members will lead on each product – and dissemination plans.

Timeline and budget (3000 characters): Please share a proposed project timeline, key milestones and deliverables, and total anticipated funding per year. Utilize the budget template attachment to delineate line-item costs and estimated yearly expenses.

Capacity and expertise (2000 characters): Please describe your and/or your team's expertise. Why are you uniquely qualified to lead this work? Additionally, detail your experience managing or supporting grants, including any experience managing research or evaluation projects of similar scope. Detail the defined roles and responsibilities for the team involved in this research grant.

Inclusive practices (3000 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. Letters should be included for any community partners who are playing a substantial role in carrying out (or disseminating) research.

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) **Not required for universities**
2. Your organization's most recent fiscal year-end financial statements (balance sheet and statement of activities), audited if available. **Not required for universities**
3. Please complete this budget template and upload to your application
4. Please attach a bibliography of work cited in this proposal
5. **OPTIONAL:** Upload up to three letters of support from partner organizations who will be collaborating on this work.

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)