



Research Enterprise
& Outreach
EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

R3 (Review, Revise, & Resubmit) Grant – FY24 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

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Introduction/Purpose

With the generous support and funding from Dean Michael A. de Miranda, the EHD REO Office is pleased to offer a continuing program to support Education & Human Development PIs and their research teams to improve the competitiveness of their external grant proposals through the Review, Revise, & Resubmit (R3) Grant Program. If you have submitted a nationally competitive external grant proposal that was not funded but received written comments and feedback from reviewers or a panel, don't be discouraged. The reality is that very few applications are funded on the first submission and an overwhelming number of proposals are routinely declined by sponsors. The good news is that resubmissions have a higher success rate of being funded and federal grant rejections provide the benefit of reviewer comments. Successful researchers know that it is essential to use reviewer and panel comments to rework and improve their proposals and then resubmit the improved proposal to either the original sponsor or a different one. While resubmission improves the likelihood of success, it obviously does not guarantee it. But being able to address reviewer concerns and weaknesses or limitations that were raised will give PIs the best chance at success for their proposals. The EHD R3 Grant Program is designed specifically to support PIs to reinvest efforts in their external grant proposals that show promise based on reviewers or panel comments and feedback.

Eligibility

1. The applicant PI must have submitted an external grant proposal as the lead PI within the last 3 full years (i.e., for FY 24, since 2021) that has received formal written evaluation comments from the funding agency's reviewers or grant panel. External grant proposals do not necessarily have to be federal grant proposals.
2. The written review comments of the external grant proposal must indicate that the proposed project is feasible and promising for funding despite some areas of weaknesses or limitations that can be addressed and improved upon.
3. Resubmission of a revised proposal to the targeted external sponsor must be made within 24 months of the activation of the R3 award.
4. R3 Grant applications must be commensurate and consistent with the project needs based on the external review feedback of your original, unfunded external proposal.
5. An applicant may submit more than one R3 Grant application in the same year for review and consideration.

Award Amounts

The R3 grant mechanism is an investment in EHD research faculty, and budget limits will be largely dependent on need to position the proposal for funding and on the proposed funding agent. The anticipated budget cap for this grant is \$65k. Applicants will need to work with the REO Office to assess the appropriate R3 budget cap and budget needs. The R3 Budget Request **must** be closely aligned with

the specific guidance offered by the grant reviews and the perceived needs to move this grant to a fundable level. See further details under the Budget Request section of this RFA.

Because every proposal will have a unique and varying degree of need for increasing its competitiveness, budgets will be reviewed carefully, with the potential of minor or major budget revisions made prior to approval and award. ***Note that scholarship is anticipated on outcomes resulting from this R3 award.***

Project Period

R3 awards are for a maximum of 24 months from the first disbursement of funding, ending no later than June 1, 2026. Any delay in funding disbursement due to delays in receiving TAMU compliance office approval will shorten the project period accordingly. Any funds remaining in the awardee's R3 project account at the end of the project period must be returned to the Dean's office.

Key Dates

December 8, 2023	Release of RFA
January 19, 2023	Deadline for Letter of Intent
January 26, 2023	Invitation to Submit Full Proposal
February 12 to February 23, 2023	Chalk Talk (strongly encouraged)
February 29, 2024	Deadline for Full Application (5:00pm, CDT)
March 29, 2024	Awards with approved budgets announced
April 15 to June 1, 2024	Awards activated pending Compliance requirements
By June 1, 2026	Submission of the revised and improved external proposal

Procedures

Letter of Intent Guidelines (required)

A Letter of Intent indicating the applicant's desire to participate in the R3 program is a required step in the R3 application and award process. This will consist of the following:

- Letter of Intent (one page), containing:
 - Name of PI and Key Personnel
 - General topic and focus of the R3 project being proposed
 - List of potential research faculty with subject matter expertise in your Department, School, University, or beyond for the planning of chalk talks ahead of your R3 application submission
- Supporting Documents (as one merged pdf attachment, no page limit), containing:
 - The original external grant proposal (project narrative and any other documents relevant to reviewer comments) and related Maestro Proposal ID being focused on for the R3 project
 - Reviewer comments from original external proposal review

Letters of Intent and supporting documents must be submitted as attachments through the [TAMU-EHD InfoReady](https://tamu-ehd.infoready4.com/) submission portal (<https://tamu-ehd.infoready4.com/>) no later than the date and time stated in the Key Dates section of this RFA.

Full R3 Application Guidelines (upon invitation)

A full R3 Application will consist of the following required documents:

- **Project Description** (3 pages maximum) – Consist of the following sections:
 1. **Introduction or Overview** – This should include a list of Aims/Objectives and relevant chalk talk considerations (1 page maximum)
 2. **Strategy** – should clearly outline how the review comments from the original external proposal will be addressed; how these changes will improve the competitiveness of the external proposal to be submitted; and the resources, support, and funds needed to accomplish this.
 3. **Timeline** – should detail the proposed (but specific) dates for the work plan to improvement, revision, and resubmission process, including details of the submission date of the future funding opportunity (e.g., RFA and PAs) that will be targeted.
 4. **Resources & Support Needs** – identify the resources and support needed to successfully address reviewer comments and potentially repurpose, reimagine, and/or redirect the grant to place it into a funding mechanism to make it more competitive. The type of resources and support – as well the proposed budget – will depend largely on what is needed to adequately address review comments received on the R3 resubmission proposal.
- **List of Suggested Content Reviewers to Include or Not Include** – on a separate document, provide a list of suggested reviewers (including email address and organizational affiliation) who you believe are especially well qualified to review the application. You also may designate persons you would prefer not review the application, indicating why.

The REO office will consider the suggestions and may contact the applicant for further information. The decision whether or not to use the suggestions remains with REO.
- **Budget Request** (no page limit) – Using the attached budget form, detail the expenses needed to make sufficient improvements to the external proposal to increase its competitiveness in the next round of submission. The type of resources and support as well the proposed budget will depend largely on what is needed to adequately address review comments for promising proposals/projects. Examples of items on the proposed budget include, but are not limited to, half-month summer salary for protected time for the PI and/or senior key personnel to dedicate specifically for revision and resubmission of external grant proposal; 20 hours of time for student workers to assist with updating literature review and references for the proposal; specific tools, software, or equipment that are not allowable under federal funding mechanisms; etc. All estimates must be reasonable for the scope of work. **The applicant will need to work with the REO Office to prepare a proposed budget for expenses that are allowable using school funds.**
 - Unallowable Costs:
 1. No Facility and Administrative (Indirect) costs should be budgeted.
 - Allowable Costs:
 1. Faculty and staff salary support
 2. Undergraduate and graduate student hourly wage support within EHD is highly encouraged.
 3. Travel (must be critical to the project)
 4. Equipment Purchases
 5. Materials and Supplies (tangible purchases)
 6. Other Costs (non-tangible costs, professional services, publication costs).

7. Costs to outside entities exceeding 50% of the total budget must be thoroughly justified.
- **Budget Justification** (2 pages maximum) – Applicants must justify all project expenses in detail. This document should clearly describe how each budget item will directly address review comments and improve the competitiveness of the external proposal for funding. An optional template is included with this RFA for the applicant's use.
 - **Original External Grant Proposal** (no page limit) – as a single, pdf attachment, provide the full, unfunded external proposal that was panel- or peer-reviewed and provided with written review feedback/comments.
 - **Review Comments** (no page limit) - as a single, pdf attachment, provide the written review or panel comments.

Formatting Requirements

To ensure that special characters and formatting are accurately reproduced, we strongly recommend that PI's carefully examine all files that have been converted to pdf format prior to submission. All documents, with the exception of the Budget Request, should adhere to the following formatting: paper size 8.5"x11", one-inch margins on all sides, single-spaced, font size 12-point, Times New Roman. Figures are allowed but must be contained within the three-page limit.

Submission

All applications must be submitted as a single pdf document through the [TAMU-EHD InfoReady](https://tamuhd.infoready4.com/) submission portal (<https://tamuhd.infoready4.com/>). R3 Applications must be submitted no later than the date and time stated in the Key Dates section of this RFA to be eligible for review. Late submissions will be returned without review.

Application Review Process

R3 Applications will be reviewed by a panel of research faculty selected by the REO office. R3 applications should be written for an informed general academic audience and avoid field-specific jargon, acronyms, and terminology.

Application Evaluative Criteria

The members of the R3 Program peer review panel will consider the following in evaluating applications and making recommendations for awards:

- 1) The feasibility that the experiments performed will adequately address external reviewer concerns.
- 2) The scope of the research will be adequate to position the resubmission into a more fundable status.
- 3) The proposed R3 will provide impactful, publishable outcomes.

Upon Selection

The R3 Program reserves the right to award all, some, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this announcement. Award decisions will be released by the EHD Research Enterprise & Outreach (REO) office at the date stated in the Key Dates section of this RFA, including instructions on compliance requirements and fund disbursement. Failure of the investigator to fulfill compliance requirements and activate this grant within 6 months of the funding announcement will result in the award returning to the Dean's office Those who receive an award should work with their departmental business office before making any commitment to expend R3 grant funds. Expenses beyond the amount of the R3 grant

award will not be reimbursed. Any remaining funds at the end of the award period will be returned to the Dean's office. One no-cost-extension requested prior to the end of the 24-month award period may be granted, with adequate justification, for a maximum of one additional year.

Compliance

Studies involving the use of human subjects are required to have a determination letter from the TAMU Research Compliance offices. Proof of compliance approval is not required at the time of application submission. Upon selection for award, investigators will be responsible for submitting their proposals to the TAMU Research Compliance office (e.g., the IRB, IBC, or the IACUC). Applicants must submit a copy of all appropriate compliance approval documentation to the REO office before funding can be disbursed.

Expectations

Upon completion of the R3 work, applicants will be required to contact the REO Office to create a timeline for resubmission of the grant. Services offered by the REO Office will include additional chalk talk opportunities based on new data/directions, assistance with grant preparation, and a complimentary external review prior to resubmission of the federal grant.

Submission of a revised and improved proposal to the targeted sponsor must occur within 24 months of the activation of the R3 award. Negligence and non-compliance with this deliverable will result in likelihood of ineligibility from future internal funding opportunities for a 4-year period.

New knowledge created as a result of R3 Grant Program funding should be disseminated through publications in appropriate disciplinary journals and in presentations at disciplinary conferences.

Those who receive an R3 award are required to submit a Final Project Report to the EHD Research Enterprise & Outreach via InfoReady detailing how the grant funds were used and how project outcomes were disseminated. Additionally, a copy of the improved external proposal(s) which result from the R3 project must be attached to the Final Project Report. This report must be submitted no later than the date stated in the Key Dates section of this RFA. PI's who do not submit this report will not be eligible to participate in future EHD research funding programs.

Questions should be directed to SEHDresearch@tamu.edu. The Research Enterprise & Outreach Office is available to provide any assistance needed with the development of R3 Grant applications.

2024 R3 BUDGET REQUEST

PI Name: _____

Project Period: _____ (maximum – 24 months)

			Total
Student Workers:			
<i>TBN – Hourly Graduate Student</i>			
	Number of workers =		
	Hourly wage each = \$		
	Total hours on project =		
		Total Salary	\$ ____
<i>TBN – Hourly Undergraduate Student</i>			
	Number of workers =		
	Hourly wage each = \$		
	Total hours on project =		
		Total Salary	\$ ____
Total Student Worker Salaries			\$ ____
Total Student Worker Benefits	at 10.9% fringe rate		\$ ____
Travel:			
<i>Travel: Domestic</i>			
	[trip 1]	\$ ____	
	[trip 2]	\$ ____	
	Total Domestic Travel	\$ ____	
<i>Travel: International</i>			
	[trip 1]	\$ ____	
	[trip 2]	\$ ____	
	Total International Travel	\$ ____	
Total Travel			\$ ____
Materials & Supplies:			
	[item 1]	\$ ____	
	[item 2]	\$ ____	
	[item 3]	\$ ____	
	[item 4]	\$ ____	
Total Supplies			\$ ____
Other Costs:			
	[item 1]	\$ ____	
	[item 2]	\$ ____	
	[item 3]	\$ ____	
	[item 4]	\$ ____	
	Total Other Costs		\$ ____
TOTAL REQUEST FROM SPONSOR			\$ ____

Please add as many extra lines as needed

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION [sample for R3]

Personnel

[Recommend naming the PI and any Co-PIs, even though funding is not requested for them; this area can be used to explain their role and need on the project without taking up more room in the five-page project narrative. Follow this with the number and role of the student workers hired for this project and/or what stages of the activities they will be involved in. Typically, this section says it will be under the guidance of the PI and the Co-PIs and how they will be guided/mentored.]

Example: [PI name], principal investigator, requests funds to support two Undergraduate Research Assistants at \$15/hour for 20 hours/week for 9 weeks each (3 calendar months). These student workers will be...

Standard Language: Fringe Benefits are calculated at the standard Texas A&M University rate of 10.9% of wages for graduate and undergraduate student workers.

Equipment

[This category is reserved for capital equipment purchases of a single item valued at more than \$5,000 with a lifespan of more than one year.]

Travel

[For each trip, provide the destination, purpose for trip in relation to the proposed project, number of persons traveling, number of days stay, and estimated cost per person].

Materials & Supplies

[This category is for tangible items that will be solely purchased for this project.]

Example: Project supplies at a cost of \$1,051 are expected to....

Other Costs

[This category is for non-tangible costs, such as software licenses or professional services needed.]

Example: \$900 will fund software costs for _____. \$2,000 will fund transcription services.

Total Funding Request: \$_____