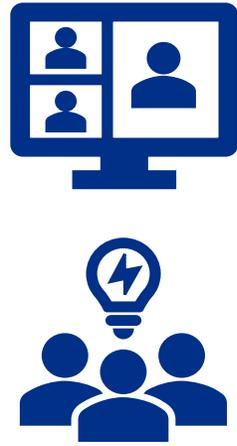


**BCH Academy
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Innovation and
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Academy Seminar Series

February 23, 2026

Submitting Successful Education Grant Applications

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Objectives

1. Identify strategies for writing effective grant proposals
2. Discuss what education grant reviewers look for in award-winning applications, with particular attention to the BCH Academy's Health Professions Education Innovation Grant
3. Determine successful approaches to framing a project proposal, putting together a project team, and obtaining stake-holder buy-in



Important Points

- We will send you copies of these slides.
- We are here to help you – if you have any questions or concerns, please email BCHAcademy@childrens.harvard.edu



Top Tips for Educational Research Grant Writing



Boston Children's

Where the world comes for answers



Typical Grant Proposal Components

Background

Aims

Methods: design, outcomes, evaluation plan

Significance/impact

Budget/justification

The Cs of Successful Grant Writing *(with Confidence!)*



Connect with prior grant winners



Collaborate with others



Plan your **Calendar** and **Costs**



Be **Clear** and **Compelling**



Meet the **Criteria**



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Where to Find Educational Grant Funding and Collaborators



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Deadline Amount

<input type="checkbox"/>  Advanced Practice in Nursing Tuition Support Award American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA)	31 Jul 2026 Submission/Entry Confirmed	\$750 USD
<input type="checkbox"/>  Education Project Grant Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Foundation Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM)	01 Aug 2026 Application Confirmed	\$20,000 USD
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<input type="checkbox"/>  Simulation Academy Novice Research Grant Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Foundation Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM)	01 Aug 2026 Application Confirmed	\$5,000 USD
<input type="checkbox"/>  Pharmacy Leadership Scholars™ American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) ASHP Foundation	02 Mar 2026 Application Confirmed	\$10,000 USD
<input type="checkbox"/>  Advancing Academic-Research Careers (AARC) Award American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)	30 Apr 2026 Application Confirmed	\$5,000 USD

Health Professions Education-Related Grants, February 2026

American Psychological Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Benefit Children, Youth, and Families	https://www.apa.org/about/awards/benefit-cvf	Recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions in science, policy, and practice that benefit the psychological functioning or well-being of children, youth, and families.
American Psychological Association Award for Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award	https://www.apa.org/about/awards/diversity-equity-inclusion	Recognizes recognizes instructors who promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and who prioritize these values in their teaching and mentoring.
American Society of Health System Pharmacists Foundation <i>Professional Advancement</i>	https://www.ashpfoundation.org/grants-and-awards/scholarships/professional-advancement-scholarships	Provides support for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and graduating pharmacy students to attend ASHP national meetings for in-person networking and professional development opportunities
<i>Residency Excellence Preceptor Award</i>	https://www.ashpfoundation.org/news-and-events/news/2025-pharmacy-residency-excellence-awards	The award recognizes innovative and impactful pharmacy residency preceptors and programs.
Award for Institutional Excellence and Innovation in Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Health	https://www.asahp.org/awards-and-grants	To promote institutional excellence and innovation in interprofessional education and collaborative health care
Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics	https://www.comsep.org/comsep-grant-program/	To promote and support innovative educational scholarship that is designed, implemented, and evaluated by COMSEP members.
CORD EMF Grants	https://www.cordem.org/opportunities/project-request-for-support/	To provide a vehicle for emergency medicine education researchers early in their career.
Foundation for Physical Therapy Research	https://foundation4pt.org/grants/#d438f15254ee24157	Paused: See under Education Research Grant --the purpose of this grant mechanism is to design educational interventions to address the gap between evidence and practice.
Fogerty International Center	https://www.fic.nih.gov/Grants/Search/Pages/search-grants.aspx?search=pediatric	Supports global health research, building partnerships between health research institutions in the US and abroad, and training the next generation of scientists to address global health needs
GEA National Grant Award Call for Educational Research Grant Proposals	https://www.aamc.org/learn-network/affinity-groups/group-educational-affairs/grants-medical-educators	Through its grants, the Group on Educational Affairs (GEA) seeks to encourage and support research and innovation that address important problems, answer timely questions, and drive the practice of medical education forward. These grants aim to advance the work of all those engaged in improving academic medicine.

Finding Collaborators

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Last Name	First Name	Degree(s)	Department	Areas of Interest
Ahmed	Syed	MD	Adolescent Medicine Fellowship	Active Learning & Innovative Teaching Artificial Intelligence & Educational Technology Feedback, Assessment & Supervision
Al-Ibraheemi	Alyaa	MD	Pathology	Active Learning & Innovative Teaching Artificial Intelligence & Educational Technology Communication Skills & Professionalism
Alqahtani	Mohammed	MBBS, MSc, FRCP	Epilepsy fellowship	Active Learning & Innovative Teaching Artificial Intelligence & Educational Technology Curriculum & Program Development
Altchek	Alexa	MD	Pediatrics	Active Learning & Innovative Teaching Curriculum & Program Development Mentorship, Coaching & Peer Observation
Amanullah	Farhana	MBBS FAAP	Pediatric Nephrology	Active Learning & Innovative Teaching Addressing Bias, Diversity & Inclusion Cognitive & Learning Sciences
Ansari	Eman	MD, MPH	Pediatrics/Emergency Medicine	Active Learning & Innovative Teaching Addressing Bias, Diversity & Inclusion Humanities & Arts in Health Professions

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Request for Proposals for the
Health Professions Education Innovation (HPEI) Grant 2026

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What is Educational Innovation?

 Not Just	→	 Innovation Is
 A new idea	→	 A new or redesigned approach
 A one-time session	→	 A sustainable change in practice
 Technology alone	→	 A solution aligned with a learning problem
 “Something cool”	→	 Something that improves outcomes
 Adding content	→	 Changing how learning happens

Educational innovation addresses a clearly defined learning gap with a novel or significantly improved approach that leads to measurable impact.



Interprofessional Education and Collaboration

Priority will be given to grant submissions with learners from various professions or the project team's composition

Inside Scoop for BCH Academy Education Grant Proposals



- 50% Acceptance Rate (average number of submissions from 9-11)
- Does not meet the aim of the grant; not innovative
- Does not benefit learners at Boston Children's
- Scope too limited (very small number of learners)
- No investigation/literature search about the innovation
- Overambitious methods/not feasible in 1 year
- Does not address sustainability after the grant funding period
- Applicant has not contacted key stakeholders to determine buy-in of innovation



Tips for Putting Together a Grant Budget



The Budget

- Specify the total amount (\$2,000 - \$6,000) needed to fund the project
- Funding will be dispersed to applicant’s department
- Funding may **not** be used for applicant’s salary support
- Some funding **may** be used for the applicant's training or further education to inform or complete the project, but **NOT** to cover the travel/registration cost of presenting the project results.
- Consider if you might need an education research consultant (\$100/hr)

The Budget Form

Budget Part 1— Detailed		
Administrative Support and/or Research Assistance	BCH Award	Other Funds
Total Support/Assistance:		
Equipment (itemize)	BCH Award	Other Funds
Total Equipment:		
Supplies (itemize by category)	BCH Award	Other Funds
Total Supplies:		
Additional Expenses (itemize by category)	BCH Award	Other Funds
Total Additional Expenses:		
TOTAL GRANT SUPPORT:		

The “Other Funds” column should be used to list funds not provided by the BCH Academy Grant but are required to complete the proposed project. The source(s) for these funds must be detailed in the budget justification.

Where to Put Budget Items

Category	Examples
Administrative Support and/or Research Assistance	Administrative assistant time, research assistant time, study design consultation, statistical support, qualitative research support, transcription
Equipment and/or Software	Microphone, audio recorder, qualitative research program, other program
Supplies	Paper, stickers, writing instruments, flip charts, etc.
Additional Expenses	Snacks for participants, incentives, travel for learning

OK or Not OK?

Gifts and Incentives

Honoraria for speakers **NO**

\$50 gift cards for study facilitators **NO**

\$25 Starbucks gift cards for participants **YES**

Food and Travel

Pizza and bottled water for focus group **YES**

Sandwiches for faculty planning group **NO**

Tuition for PI for qualitative research course **YES**

Travel for PI to present at education conference **NO**

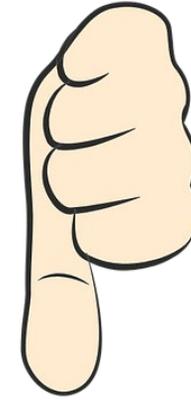
Software, Equipment and Space

Monthly Dedoose™ subscription **YES**

Nvivo software program license (>\$2500) **NO**

Medical equipment that will be used clinically after study **NO**

Conference room in Joseph Martin Center (\$500 per half day) **NO**



Budget Justification – Telling Why

- Justify costs and identify other departmental/funding sources
- Describe administrative support, research assistance, equipment, supplies, transcription services, statistical support
- Justify why you need incentives for participants
- If applicable, describe other currently funded projects that involve both the applicant and the mentor



Guest Speakers Experience: A BCH Health Professions Education Grant Award

