



Grant-In-Aid Award Policies

At the core of FAST's mission is a commitment to supporting individuals living with AS and their caregivers, with the ultimate goal of helping them realize their full potential and bring scientific and therapeutic advancements that help to translate to the human condition.

FAST is committed to bringing practical treatments for Angelman syndrome (AS) into current medical practice as quickly as possible. While our priority is on funding translational and clinical research, we also support high-risk/high-reward discovery projects. FAST's research program awards grants to the world's best scientists who are focused on discovering and developing treatments, technologies and ultimately a cure benefiting those with AS. The focus of FAST-funded research is in supporting projects that have the potential for immediate and high impact on the Angelman community; therefore, priority will be given to research-based translational grants or those showing high promise for translating basic biomedical knowledge into clinical application.

Grant-In-Aid Awards

FAST Grant-In-Aid Awards are smaller, one-time grants aimed to provide funds to allow for exploratory experiments, or to provide funding for needed equipment, reagents, or research costs to further promising projects on Angelman syndrome. Typical awards total approximately \$10,000, but FAST will consider additional funding if warranted.

The Grant-In-Aid Program will provide targeted funding to accelerate the progress of research projects focused on Angelman syndrome. These one-time awards are not meant to be the sole support for a research project, but are, instead, envisioned to enable capitalization upon findings from current projects.

There is no predetermined amount of award. We anticipate investigators applying for what they need. However, only under special circumstances do we anticipate awards in excess of \$10,000. Applicants are encouraged to contact FAST at science@cureangelman.org to determine the feasibility of a potential request prior to applying.

Key Dates

All grant applications have a rolling deadline. Please contact: science@cureangelman.org for more information.



Eligibility

Institutions receiving grants are generally recognized as nonprofit organizations. In the US, this means institutions that do not operate to make a profit. In rare circumstances funding is given to contract research organizations or industry scientific teams. Individuals should have training and experience at least equal to the Ph.D. or M.D. level.

Duration of Support

Grants-In-Aid are one-time awards that must be completed within a year of funding.

FAST Reporting Policy

All proposed work included in a Grant-In-Aid Award must be completed within one-year of funding. A final report must be submitted within 60-days following the project termination date and should include all information requested in the FAST Grant-In-Aid template, as well as a detailed accounting of the funds awarded. Upon submission of the written and financial report, a meeting will be scheduled with the FAST Scientific Panel to review all progress made throughout the duration of the award.

Allowable Cost Policy

Potential allowable costs include:

- **Reagents and Services:** These may include but are not limited to: gene chips, chemical libraries, acquisition of cell lines, acquisition of animal model lines.
- **Services:** These may include, but are not limited to: genetic sequencing, proteomics, metabolomics, mass spectrometry, antibody production, and drug/chemical manufacturing.
- **Equipment:** FAST will consider the purchase of specialized pieces of equipment or software purchases for specific projects when necessary.

Costs that are not allowable:

- **Personnel:** Including salary and fringe benefits. Additionally, FAST will fund postdoctoral and graduate students at a salary equivalent to the current NIH guidelines.
- **Indirect Costs**
- **General office supplies/equipment**
- **Bridging funds to cover gaps in grant funding**

Application and Submission Information

Applicants should prepare a one-page **Letter of Intent** and include the following:



Hypotheses and Specific Aims: Include specific research questions, objectives and hypotheses. The focus of the applications should be aligned with the FAST mission.

Lay Summary: This should include your research objectives and your preliminary work that can be easily interpreted by a lay person. The focus should be on the translational component of your research objectives (1 page maximum). We are committed to educating the public about the importance of this research and this will be posted on the FAST website if the project is funded.

Budget: Detailed budget, keeping in mind what costs are allowable and not allowable.

Biosketch: The biosketch of the PI and any collaborative personnel for the project should be included but does fall within the 1 page limit.

Formatting

Formatting guidelines for a FAST grant submission include:

- Proposal in Arial or Times New Roman size 11 point font, single or 1.15 spacing;
- Margins no less than 0.5”;
- Include a header on each page indicating name of PI (Last, First), page number;
- Figures and figure legends included within the 5 page limit; and
- Only PDF files accepted for review.

Submit Application Materials

Applications must be submitted electronically to sciencegrants@cureangelman.org. Only PDF files will be accepted and reviewed. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Any questions about the application process should be directed to sciencegrants@cureangelman.org.

Similar or Identical Applications

FAST will not consider grant applications with essentially the same research focus from the same applicant organization. This includes derivative or multiple applications that aim to create a single product, process, or service that can be applied to various purposes with minor modifications. Applicants must confirm and ensure that the materials they submit are original and have not been utilized elsewhere in the preparation and submission of a similar grant application. If another grant is approved during the grant review process with any overlap to the submitted grant the Chair of the



SAB should be notified immediately for withdrawal or objective and aim modifications to be made.

Human and Animal Subjects

Human subjects studied in the course of research conducted under a research award are under no circumstances the responsibility of FAST. Human subjects in a program supported by FAST shall be volunteers in any survey, study, or procedure. FAST requires recipients of any award using human subjects to demonstrate institutional review board (IRB) approval of the research project prior to dispersal of the awarded funds. If IRB approval cannot be obtained within 6 months of the award, the award may be rescinded by the Board of Directors.

If animals are used in the proposed study, written certification must be provided to FAST indicating that proper treatment, care, and humane conditions will be provided. FAST requires recipients to receive approval from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) prior to starting any animal work on the FAST grant.

Prohibition of Discrimination

No person shall be excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of any program or activity receiving financial assistance from FAST because of race, ethnic origin, religion, age, sex or sexual orientation.

Amendment of Policies

FAST reserves the right to modify its policies governing research awards at any time. The recipient agrees to abide by any changes or to terminate the grant at the time when such changes become effective. Failure to abide by the policies governing awards shall be considered sufficient grounds for cancellation of an award or refusal to consider any pending application by the grantee.