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I. Funding Opportunities

I'd like to apply for an ABTA grant. Where can I find more information on submitting an application?

Thank you for your interest in ABTA's research funding. Please visit the Brain Tumor Research section of our web site – <https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/> for the most up-to-date information regarding funding opportunities, deadlines, and anticipated RFA release dates.

What is the deadline for application submissions?

Letters of Intent (LOI) for Discovery Grants, Basic Research Fellowships, and Research Collaboration Grants will be due in mid-November. Those invited to submit a full application will have a due date in mid-March. Medical School Summer Fellowship opportunities are typically due in late January. Actual deadlines will be posted at <https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/>.

Can I get an extension on the deadline?

As stated in the Request for Applications (RFA), applicants are strongly encouraged to complete applications with sufficient time to allow for technical difficulties, time zone differences, sickness, travel, etc. It is ABTA's policy not to accept late applications. If you miss the deadline, we encourage you to look for future grant opportunities on our website at <https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/>.

May I apply for more than one ABTA grant?

Yes, applicants may apply for more than one ABTA grant mechanism in a grant cycle, should they fit the eligibility criteria for each mechanism. However, please note that each applicant may only be awarded one ABTA grant per grant cycle.

May I apply for a second ABTA grant while holding a currently-funded ABTA grant?

ABTA grantees can hold only one ABTA grant at a time. Applications are accepted from currently funded grantees only if their current grant term will conclude prior to initiation of a new grant. If the grant terms would overlap, applicants have the option to terminate an existing grant when a second grant is approved for funding.

May I use an application from a previous year?

ABTA does not distinguish resubmissions from new applications. Applicants may submit any previously submitted, non-funded applications; however, please note they will be reviewed as new applications. In addition, submitted applications must be responsive to the current year RFA or they will be administratively withdrawn.

Can indirect costs be charged to an ABTA grant or fellowship?

No, indirect costs are not allowable expenses for ABTA Research Collaboration Grants, Basic Research Fellowships, Discovery Grants, or Medical Student Summer Fellowships.

Can you tell me when the funding decisions will be released?

Funding decisions are announced in early July for Research Collaboration Grants, Discovery Grants, and Basic Research Fellowships. Medical Student Summer Fellowships will be announced in early May. Applicants will be notified by email.

How many grant applications did ABTA receive last cycle? Where did my application rank?

ABTA does not provide specific information related to the funding rate, ranking or number of applications received for any mechanism. Final allocations of funding for research are based on available funds and we are committed to funding as many meritorious research grants as possible. A listing of our currently funded research grants is available at www.abta.org/research/currently-funded.

I am not a U.S. citizen. Am I eligible for an ABTA research grant?

Yes. Applicants are not required to be U.S. citizens or residents to apply for an ABTA research grant.

Can I appeal the funding decision?

Each application is rigorously reviewed by a committee of scientific experts and it is our policy not to re-review proposals. If your proposal is not funded in this grant cycle, we encourage you to look for future grant opportunities at <https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/>.

How do I become a reviewer?

Thank you for your interest in being a scientific reviewer for ABTA. We are always open to adding new reviewers to our panels. Please contact the ABTA grants team if you're interested at grants@abta.org or telephone at 773-577-8750

II. Discovery Grants

What are Discovery Grants?

Discovery Grants are one-year, \$50,000 grants for high-risk/high-impact projects deemed to have the potential to change current diagnostic or treatment paradigms for adult and pediatric brain tumor care.

How do I apply for an ABTA Discovery Grant?

For the Discovery Grants, the ABTA requires a Letter of Intent (LOI). Successful LOI applicants will be invited to submit a full application. The ABTA grant application portal opens in October for the Discovery Grant LOI and applications are due in November. Please visit <https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/> for exact due dates.

Invitations to submit a full application will be extended by e-mail in February and include application instructions. If you receive an invitation and will not be submitting a full application, please notify us at grants@abta.org.

How do I apply for an ABTA Discovery Grant if I did not submit a Letter of Intent?

The Discovery Grant program requires a Letter of Intent (LOI). Full applications are only accepted by invitation following a successful LOI. Should you miss the LOI deadline, you are welcome to apply in the next funding cycle if you meet the eligibility criteria.

Are international applicants eligible to apply?

Applicants do not have to be U.S. citizens or residents and can be conducting research at a non-profit, non-governmental research institution anywhere in the world.

III. Basic Research Fellowships

What is the Basic Research Fellowship?

The Basic Research Fellowship Grants are two-year, \$100,000 grants supporting postdoctoral fellows entering careers dedicated to the field of brain tumor research. By providing funding to fellows under the guidance of a mentor, ABTA hopes to ensure that a diverse pool of well-trained scientists remain in the field and emerge as the next generation of scientists leading the field of brain tumor research.

Is a Letter of Intent Required for a Basic Research Fellowship?

Starting with the 2016-2017 grant cycle, the ABTA now requires a Letter of Intent (LOI) to be submitted for this mechanism. Successful LOI applicants will be invited to submit a full application. The ABTA grant application portal opens in October for the Basic Research Fellowship LOI and applications are due in November. For exact due dates, please visit <https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/>.

Invitations to submit a full application will be extended by e-mail in February and include application instructions. If you receive an invitation and will not be submitting a full application, please notify us at grants@abta.org.

My PhD will not be conferred by the time of application, but my coursework will be complete. Am I still eligible for an ABTA Basic Research Fellowship?

Applicants must have their doctorate conferred by the full application deadline. If your degree is not yet conferred at the LOI deadline, but will be by the time of full application, you can still apply. However, please note that your mentor should confirm in their letter of support that you will meet the eligibility requirements at the time of full application submission.

May I apply for a one-year Basic Research Fellowship?

The Basic Research Fellowships are training grants intended to provide a two-year experience, therefore one-year fellowships are not awarded.

May I have two Fellowship mentors?

Basic Research Fellowships allow for more than one mentor to be included in the application: The Lead Mentor and Co-Mentor. Each mentor must submit a letter of support and a biosketch.

Can my mentor or other lab members take salary support from an ABTA Fellowship?

No, only the PI/Applicant is able to take salary support on Fellowships.

Are international applicants eligible to apply?

Applicants do not have to be U.S. citizens or residents and can be conducting research at a non-profit, non-governmental research institution anywhere in the world.

IV. ABTA Research Collaboration Grants

What are ABTA Research Collaboration Grants?

The ABTA Research Collaboration Grants was a new grant mechanism launched in 2016. These grants are two-year, \$200,000 grants and are intended to promote team science in a way that will streamline and accelerate progress and effect the desired change in clinical outcome for brain tumors. The research projects under this mechanism must be conducted by a team of two co-principal investigators (Co-PIs) from distinct institutions.

How do I apply for an ABTA Research Collaboration Grant?

For ABTA Research Collaboration Grants, a Letter of Intent (LOI) is required. Successful LOI applicants will be invited to submit a full application. The ABTA grant application portal opens in October for the ABTA Research Collaboration Grants LOI and the applications are due in November. Please visit <https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/> for exact due dates.

Invitations to submit a full application will be extended by e-mail in February and include application instructions. If you receive an invitation and will not be submitting a full application, please notify us at grants@abta.org.

How do I apply for an ABTA Research Collaboration Grant if I did not submit a Letter of Intent?

The ABTA Research Collaboration Grant program requires a Letter of Intent (LOI) mechanism. Full applications are only accepted by invitation following a successful LOI. If you do not apply by the deadline, you are welcome to apply in the next funding cycle should you meet the eligibility criteria.

Can Co-PIs from the same institution apply for an ABTA Research Collaboration Grant?
This grant is designed for inter-institutional collaboration. Therefore, Co-PIs must be from two distinct institutions.

Which institution should be designated as the Lead Institution when applying for an ABTA Research Collaboration Grant?

The Lead Institution is the Institution where the Lead PI has a faculty position. This Institution must be a non-profit, non-governmental institution in the U.S. and must agree to adhere to ABTA's Policies and Procedures for Research Grants and Fellowships, located at the top of the ABTA Grant Opportunities page (<https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/>). The Lead Institution will serve as the administrator of the Grant funds and will hold responsibility for the management of the budget and submission of all required documents and reports.

Are international applicants eligible to apply?

Applicants do not have to be U.S. citizens or residents. However, the Lead PI must have a full-time faculty appointment at an institution in the United States or Canada. Co-PIs may have appointments at institutions anywhere in the world.

V. Medical Student Summer Fellowships

What are the Medical Student Summer Fellowships?

The Medical Student Summer Fellowships are \$3,000 grants to current medical students wishing to spend a summer conducting brain tumor research with an established scientist-mentor. The intent of this mechanism is to motivate talented medical students to pursue a career in neuro-oncology research. Medical Student Summer Fellowship applications are due in late January. Please visit <https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/> for exact due dates.

May I have two Medical Student Summer Fellowship mentors?

Medical Student Summer Fellowships allow for more than one mentor to be included in the application: the Lead Mentor and Co-Mentor. Each mentor must submit a letter of support and a biosketch.

Can my Lead Mentor's lab be at a separate institution from my Medical School?

Medical Student Summer Fellowships are intended to give medical students the opportunity to conduct research in a laboratory under the guidance of a brain tumor research mentor. Therefore, the medical student is allowed to travel to another institution where their mentor is conducting brain tumor research, and is not required to stay at the institution where they attend medical school.

Can my mentor take salary support from an ABTA Medical Student Summer Fellowship?

No, only the PI/Applicant is able to take salary support on Medical Student Summer Fellowships.

Can the funding be used for supplies or for attending a meeting?

Yes, the funds may be used to buy supplies for the project and can be used to attend a scientific meeting for the purposes of presenting findings or career development.

Are international applicants eligible to apply?

Applicants do not have to be U.S. citizens or residents. However, the institution where the research is being conducted must be an institution in the United States or Canada.