

THE ORAL RECONSTRUCTION FOUNDATION - RESEARCH FUNDING

Grant Application Terms & Conditions

1. Introduction

The aim of the Oral Reconstruction Foundation (OR Foundation) is to support progress in the field of implant dentistry by creating and imparting new scientific knowledge to the benefit of patients. For this reason, the OR Foundation awards grants for:

- Young scientists and/or clinicians working within an established group,
- Experienced scientists and/or clinicians working within an established group or individually.

Interdisciplinary and/or international projects are encouraged.

The applications will be considered with priority if they refer to the following topics:

- Diagnostics and planning in implant dentistry,
- Hard- and soft-tissue management in implant dentistry,
- Sustainability in implant-supported prosthetics,
- Physiological and pathophysiological aspects in implant dentistry,
- Advances in digital procedures in implant dentistry.

2. General provision

The following information is to provide guidelines for grant applications to the OR Foundation.

Grants are limited to a total of € 100,000. The maximum annual payment amounts to € 50,000.-. The accepted currency unit is in EURO (€).

By submitting an application, the applicants confirm that:

- the information in the application is complete and accurate to the best knowledge of the applicants,
- the applicants have sufficient time and resources to do the research,
- the grant will only be used for the approved purpose,
- if a grant is accorded to a university or a research group, the grant will not be paid to an individual but to a research account open for the purpose of the project; this does not apply if the grant is approved for a single individual,
- the grant will not be used to fund faculty salaries exceeding a maximum of 10% of the total budget,
- the applicants agree to work in accordance with the local and/or international regulations regarding the use of animal subjects, human subjects, and biological hazards,
- the applicants agree to report twice yearly on the progress of their research.

3. Grant application

The applicant must submit the Grant Application to the OR Foundation's Online Platform.

There are two submission deadlines: **March 31 and September 30.**

By registering to the application Online Platform, the applicant(s) consent to these Grant Application Terms & Conditions.

Within the Online Platform, a short Curriculum Vitae of the first applicant and a detailed budget for the project must be uploaded as PDF. The budget must include a detailed list of material necessary, the costs for equipment/facilities/analyses, internal and external manpower costs (e.g., statistician), administrative costs if absolutely required, etc.

The application must be submitted in English.

4. Grant review

Applications will be reviewed twice per year. The applications are reviewed and evaluated by members of the Research Committee of the OR Foundation.

5. Grant decision

Projects will be supported by the OR Foundation if a majority of the present members of the Research Committee of the OR Foundation approve of the project within the annual budget. If the project application is somehow connected with one of the members of the Research Committee, he/she will be excluded from the voting process.

The applicant will be informed of the decision within 4 weeks after the OR Foundation Research Committee meetings in February and July.

The grant can be approved unconditionally or conditionally with further information to be provided such as:

- Detailed project protocol/adaptation of the project protocol,
- Approval of competent authorities (in case of human studies, animal studies, studies on stem cells),
- Revision of the budget,
- Revision of the research schedule,
- Detailed definite timeline.

In case of conditional granting, the applicant will have 4 weeks to complete the application. The applicant will be informed of the final decision within 4 weeks following the receipt of the additional information.

Please note the following rules:

- A grant is accorded for a specific application and must be used for this specific application.
- The grant will be paid according to the milestones referred to in the Grant Approval Agreement.
- Faculty salaries will be funded to a maximum of 10% of the total budget. This does not apply to technicians, graduate students, or statistics consultants, for example.
- The OR Foundation would consider paying approved administrative overheads to the research institutions or universities up to a maximum of 10% of the total budget.

- The OR Foundation does not cover costs related to trips to present study results including hotel accommodation and food & beverages.
- Once a grant has been awarded, the First Applicant is barred from making any further grant application for a period of three years.

If the application is rejected the applicant will be informed by email. The OR Foundation does not need to justify the reason for the refusal. Documents received as paper versions will be sent back to the applicant.

When a grant is approved, OR Foundation will provide the First Applicant with a Grant Approval Agreement. He/she will be asked to fill in the bank details of the university/academic affiliation in the Agreement which must be signed by the First Applicant and an authorized signatory of the First Applicant's university/academic institution and then returned to the OR Foundation.

6. Grant responsibility

Where an OR Foundation Research Grant is awarded for a particular research project by the OR Foundation Research Committee, the First Applicant has full responsibility for the design, execution, and management of the research project as well as compliance with all regulatory and legal requirements relating to the research project funded. The First Applicant herewith recognizes that the OR Foundation bears no responsibilities for the project being funded and is only contributing to the project with an OR Foundation Research Grant. The First Applicant bears full responsibility for full compliance with these terms and conditions by Co-Applicants and their institutions.

7. Provision of funds

Once a grant has been awarded, research funds will be paid out in instalments to be agreed upon by the First Applicant and OR Foundation. In general, the first instalment is up to 50% of the total grant amount. Twenty percent of the awarded amount will be held back and transferred after receipt of the comprehensive final report. Funds will only be made available upon receipt of an invoice issued by the applicant's institution on the dates agreed with OR Foundation. Invoices must be addressed to the OR Foundation in the currency of the grant award. If portions of the grant need to be paid out to third party academic institutions involved in conducting the project, the third party must also provide the bank details to the OR Foundation.

8. Annual update reports

A report including a brief financial overview of the project must be provided to the OR Foundation once a year. These reports will be presented to the members of the OR Foundation Research Committee to inform them of the progress of the research project.

9. Final report

Upon completion of the research project, a comprehensive final report including a financial overview must be submitted to the OR Foundation. This report will be presented to the members of the OR Foundation Research Committee to inform them of the results of the research project.

10. Project delays

Should the project be delayed for any reason, the Principal Investigator must inform the OR Foundation immediately by email (grant@orfoundation.org) and provide a new projected end date for the study.

11. Original publication

A copy of the original publication resulting from the funded study must be provided to the OR Foundation as soon as it is available.

12. Footnoting financial support

Financial support provided by the OR Foundation must be footnoted in the publication in the following manner: "This project was supported by a grant from the Oral Reconstruction Foundation, Switzerland."

13. Ethical Committee approval

If animal or human studies are approved by the OR Foundation Research Committee, approval remains pending until the First Applicant provides proof of Ethical Committee approval to the OR Foundation Research Committee. Funds will only be made available after copies of the approval form/s have been sent to the OR Foundation. Should Ethical Committee approval not be granted and lead to the amendment of the protocol, the First Applicant is obliged to resubmit the amended protocol to the OR Foundation.

14. Amendment of the study protocol

If the protocol of a funded study is amended, the First Applicant is obliged to inform the OR Foundation in writing and to re-submit the amended protocol if asked to do so.

15. Intellectual property rights

The applicant(s) and their employer(s) shall own all rights, title and interest in and to all intellectual property, conceived and reduced to practice in the conduct of the research project funded by OR Foundation hereunder. The applicant(s) and their employer(s) shall immediately inform the OR Foundation of any invention that may become the subject of a patent, or any other intellectual property rights resulting from the research project funded by the OR Foundation. The OR Foundation shall have a right of first offer as well as a right of first refusal on the same terms negotiated with a third party for a license, preferably an exclusive, transferable and worldwide license, for such patent and other intellectual property rights and the applicant(s) (and their employer(s)) shall negotiate in good faith with the OR Foundation for a period not exceeding six months on a license agreement.

16. Referring to funded studies

Should an OR Foundation Research grant be awarded, the applicant(s) and their institution(s) allow the OR Foundation to refer to their grant/OR Foundation-funded study in OR Foundation publications, on the OR Foundation website or in publications authorized by the OR Foundation and to publicly announce the grant or fund.

Certain data shared between the parties may be processed by employees of Camlog Biotechnologies GmbH in connection with administrative services provided by Camlog to OR Foundation e.g., original invoices.

If a grant is awarded, original invoices for equipment/items of lasting value and/or supplies/consumables must be provided to OR Foundation if requested.

17. Unspent funds

Any unspent funds after completion of the project must be returned to the OR Foundation.

18. First Applicant leaves his/her institution

Should the First Applicant leave his/her institution, he/she must inform OR Foundation in writing immediately and also let OR Foundation know whether he/she will take the study with him/her or leave it at the former institution with an assigned person. Should this not take place and the OR Foundation be left without an officially agreed contact, the OR Foundation reserves the right to reclaim the funds paid to the former award recipient's institution.

19. Correspondence partner

Should funding be provided, the First Applicant will be the OR Foundation's exclusive correspondence partner.

20. Eligibility for an OR Foundation Research grant

Eligibility for an OR Foundation Research Grant is dependent on full acceptance of the above Terms and Conditions as the sole and exclusive agreement between the OR Foundation and the grant recipient. By registering to the application online platform and submitting an application, the applicant(s) confirm that they have read, understood, and accepted the above Terms and Conditions. No amendments to the Terms and Conditions will be made. Any applications containing amendments to the Terms and Conditions will not be presented to the OR Foundation Research Committee for consideration. Should funding be provided, the PDF of the research grant submission, its Terms and Conditions, and the Grant Approval Agreement are the full and conclusive documentation to the grant.

21. Place of jurisdiction

The grant application and these Terms and Conditions are governed by Swiss Law. All disputes out of or in connection with this grant application form and the Terms and Conditions are to be resolved exclusively by the ordinary courts in Basel Stadt, Switzerland.

By submitting an application to the Oral Reconstruction Foundation the applicant(s) confirm that the application form was filled out in accordance with the OR Foundation Grant Application Terms & Conditions and that the information given in the application is complete, true, and accurate.