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Sydney and J.L. Huffines Institute for Sports Medicine and Human Performance FY2021-22 Practitioner/Applied Grant Program

Purpose

The purpose of the Sydney and J.L. Huffines Institute of Sports Medicine and Human Performance Practitioner/Applied Grant program is to provide limited financial support to Huffines' Affiliate Faculty members for Practitioner/Applied projects that will lead to the application of current science to furthering the practice of Sports Medicine and Human Performance. It is inherent in this program that funded proposals should directly contribute to the mission of the Huffines Institute.

Eligibility

To be eligible, an applicant must be a faculty/staff Affiliate member of the Sydney and J.L. Huffines Institute of Sports Medicine and Human Performance (contact the Institute for procedures to join if you are not already an Affiliate member).

Limitations

- An Affiliate member may **not** receive more than one Huffines Practitioner/Applied Grant in a two-year fiscal period.
- Funding is limited to direct costs associated with the project. Costs for computer equipment and software are not allowed and travel requests must be clearly justified and linked directly to the project. Requests for travel to professional meetings will not be considered.
- Huffines Practitioner/Applied grants are limited to \$2,500 direct costs.
- Funds from this award must be spent by August 31, 2022, or be returned to the Institute.
- The Huffines Practitioner/Applied Grants require applicants to provide a clear description of how this grant will further the practice of Sports Medicine and Human Performance in a manner not supported through other funding mechanisms.

Post Award Requirements

- Submit a written report of the project outcomes within one calendar year of the award. The report must document all measured outcomes proposed in the project.
- The Awardee will serve as a reviewer for the next fiscal year's Grant program and may be asked to participate in end of year program review of the current program.
- ***Any outcomes from this project must credit the Sydney and J.L. Huffines Institute of Sports Medicine and Human Performance.***

Submission Procedures

- We are using rolling submission deadlines for these projects and will award grants as long as the budget allows (we have budgeted to fund two projects this year).
- Grantees will be notified by letter as to the outcome of their application.
- Handwritten applications (including coverage page) will not be accepted.
- Scan completed application form and required materials into one .pdf file and title the file: "your_last_name" Practitioner_Applied_Grant_2022.pdf
- Email the application file to: Huffines@tamu.edu

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**Sydney and J.L. Huffines Institute for Sports Medicine and Human Performance
FY2020-21 Practitioner/Applied Grant Application Cover Form**

Name _____ Phone # _____ Date _____

E-mail: _____ Unit/Department: _____

Practitioner/Applied Project Title:

Attach project description to this cover form (see attached pages for application specifics)

Required Signature:

Huffines Institute Faculty Affiliate Applicant

Printed name of Applicant

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Approved amount: _____ *Approved date:* _____

Signature of approval: _____

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Proposal Sections:

The written proposal of the project should use 0.5 inch margins, 11 point Arial font, and consist of the following sections. Sections 1-5 should be no more than 2 pages in length.

Section 1) Purpose of the Grant;

Section 2) Need for the project

Section 3) Approach;

Section 4) Expected outcomes of the Grant;

Section 5) How this grant will further practice in Sports Medicine and Human Performance

Section 6) Budget (one page)

Detail proposed expenditures in the following categories: i) Equipment, ii) Supplies & Expendables, iii) Essential Travel for Data Collection, iv) Other;

Section 7) Short curriculum vitae

Description of Proposal Sections:

Purpose of the Grant: Simply put, in this section you should succinctly and briefly outline what you propose to do. This section should be no more than 2-3 sentences.

Need for the Project: This section should contain the basic rationale for the project (the 'why'). Be sure to indicate why the Huffines' is an appropriate source for funding for this project.

Approach: This section tells 'what' you are going to do and 'how' you are going to do it. You should include timelines in this section to give the reviewers a sense of whether you can realistically complete this project in the funded time frame.

Expected outcomes of the Grant: This section describes what you anticipate will come from the project. For example: Will the results be an increase in knowledge in a certain cohort of practitioners? Will the results enable others to increase their practice skills? While all outcomes are not measurable, your proposal will be strengthened by the inclusion of one or more measurable outcomes.

How this grant will further practice in Sports Medicine and Human Performance: In a previous section, you explained the basic rationale for the project. This section is just a bit different in that you should now explain how you think your expected outcomes will impact the practice of Sports Medicine and Human Performance. This should be an honest assessment without overselling your potential results.

Budget: This should be a simple spreadsheet with expenditure detail listed in each category. While a detailed justification for each item is not necessary, linking expenditures back to your approach will be helpful.

Short Curriculum Vitae/Resume: Please provide a two-page CV/Resume that indicates skills/experiences/etc. that show you can complete the project.

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Reviewer Guidelines:

It is always nice to understand by what guidelines your effort will be judged. Thus, the reviewers will be asked to comment on the following four core criteria of each proposal:

- a) Significance:** Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier?
- b) Investigators:** Can the individual do the project?
- c) Approach:** Does the approach proposed provide the best chance for success?

The reviewers will score each of these core criteria on a scale of 1 (exceptional) – 9 (poor).

The reviewers will also give an overall priority score ranging from 1 (exceptional) – 9 (poor). This overall priority score ***will not be*** an average of the core criteria scores, but will be an overall score that considers the complete package and likelihood of success. Overall priority scores from the reviewers for each application will be averaged to give each grant an overall priority score and that average score will be multiplied by 10 for the final score.

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