

Public Policy Research Award

The American Lung Association nationwide research program is building on over a century of success as we continue to invest in the brightest, pioneering minds with immense potential to drive innovation, discover the unknown, and improve the lives of those living with lung disease. The Public Policy Research Award was created to help stimulate and inform important public policy debates around healthy air and lung disease. This award supports research on and evaluation of existing public policy and programs, as well as projects that inject innovative ideas into public policies impacting lung health.

About the Funding Opportunity

The American Lung Association Public Policy Research Award is intended to support research on and evaluation of existing public policy and programs, as well as pilot and demonstration projects that inject innovative ideas and provide evidence for the development of new public policies impacting lung health. *This grant is not intended to support events, lobbying efforts, legislative meetings or briefings.*

The Public Policy Research Award is for a maximum of \$50,000 per year for up to two years. Grants are subject to annual review, the second year of support is based on demonstrating satisfactory progress, as well as, the availability of funding from the Lung Association.

Requested budget for salary and all other items needs to be justified and will be considered carefully by the review committee. Grant funds may be used for the salary and fringe benefit costs of personnel other than the Applicant.

Key Dates

August 5, 2019	Applications accepted through proposalCENTRAL
December 12, 2019	Deadline to submit an application is Thursday, December 12, 2019 (11:59 PM, Eastern Time)
February- April	Peer Review Period
June 30, 2020	Outcome notifications are sent to all applicants

Important Notes

No more than 50% of the requested budget may be used for an awardee's salary and/or fringe benefits and no more than 30% of the total award budget may be used to fund the purchase of permanent equipment. Grant funds may be used for the salary and fringe benefit costs of personnel other than the Applicant. Other permitted expenditures can include purchase of large data sets. Preference would be given to independent investigators, however post doc or other candidates in an appropriately supervised setting will be considered.

Applications must include plans for public dissemination of the work which should include information on how to use findings to support and promote important policy changes.

Investigational areas of interest are broad and include, but are not limited to:

- Tobacco Control: impact of policy on tobacco consumption, initiation and cessation in youth and adults; impact of smokefree multi-unit housing requirement; use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) and similar devices; tobacco 21 and impact on consumption; perceptions and impact of new and emerging products.

- **Air Quality:** Evaluating the effectiveness of indoor and outdoor air quality interventions; radon; impact of air quality on lung health; impact of regulations on power plant emissions, vehicle emissions or other sources; health outcomes in response to air quality improvements; climate change policy and lung health including lung cancer, COPD, asthma.
- **Health Policy:** impact on people at risk for or with lung disease of legislative or regulatory changes on access to care, with a focus on lung cancer, COPD, asthma or other respiratory diseases health systems change; analysis of guidelines based care coverage; disparities in coverage.
- **Disparities:** Health care disparities and outcome studies that explore innovation in models of health service delivery and policy; the environmental, social, behavioral, cultural aspects of disparities/inequalities and their interactions; communication and disparities, including health literacy.
- **Modeling:** development of risk models for developing lung disease; analysis of models to facilitate health care decision-making concerning lung health.
- **Informatics:** Analysis of large data bases to understand policy impacts on lung health; data synthesis to generate knowledge and evidence which can guide policy.

Eligibility Requirements

Citizenship

At the time of application, candidates must be United States citizens or foreign nationals holding one of the following visa immigration statuses: permanent resident (**Green Card**), exchange visitor (**J-1**), temporary worker in a specialty occupation (**H-1B**), Canadian or Mexican citizen engaging in professional activities (**TN**), Australians in Specialty Occupation (**E-3**) or temporary worker with extraordinary abilities in the sciences (**O-1**). At the time of application and throughout the award, an applicant must be employed by a U.S. institution.

Education and Experience

At the time of application, the applicant must hold a doctoral degree or relevant terminal professional degree such as an MPH and have a faculty appointment or equivalent with demonstrated institutional commitment (salary support, research space), access to computers and software, in a recognized academic institution or established not for profit research entity. Applicants should be on-track to pursue a career in public policy research. The application is open to researchers in public policy, economics, political science, sociology, law, and related disciplines.

Applicants must be investigators for whom their institution provides the space and other resources customary for independent investigators. The application must include a letter from their chair or institutional equivalent that conveys the commitment of the institution to the applicant and the proposed research activities.

The proposal should include the following information:

- **Lay summary** or abstract that includes why this project is important and relevance to the mission of the Lung Association.
- **CV for Principal Investigator and Team: Names and qualifications** of people involved in the project; (NIH Biosketch is preferable.)
- **Information on the project** Scientific Background and rationale; Specific Aims or Hypothesis for which funding is requested, including study objectives and the issue to be addressed.
- **Study Design and Methods, including statistical analysis**, plans for evaluation and dissemination of findings; anticipated significance of study results,

- **Plan for Dissemination and Translation**, describing the target audiences/venues and how they will be reached.
- **Itemized project budget** with narrative, amount of funds requested and their proposed use.
- **References.**

Peer Review

Applications determined by administrative review to be eligible for funding will go through a rigorous external peer review process. Factors considered when reviewing applications include:

- Merit, feasibility, and relevance to the mission of the American Lung Association
- Potential impact and plans for dissemination and translation
- Likelihood that the project will produce information that results in updates to current policy or development of new policy
- Applicant's qualifications and background
- Applicant's research environment