



**NATA Research & Education Foundation
Master's Research Grant Program**

DEADLINE:

August 1 (Application opens Early July)

DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this program is to provide students with the opportunity to experience a guided research experience in collaboration with research mentor that is a faculty or research/instructional staff at their institution.

AWARD:

\$1,000

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be a master's student at the institution where the research is to be performed
- Have master's student status for the duration of all study activities except for the dissemination of the project results.
- Assume personal responsibility for conducting the research proposed in an ethical manner.
- Certify that they prepared the application and had primary responsibility for writing the proposal.
- Be a member of NATA at the time of application submission.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- A student may only submit one application for consideration each year
- Previous student recipients of a master's research award may not apply for a second award.
- Faculty/Staff may only serve as the primary mentor on one student project per year.
- Notification of award will occur late September; funds cannot be used for expenses incurred prior to the start of funding.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

A selection committee will review all proposals.

- Overall quality of the proposal (written quality, logic, methods, etc.)
- Significance/impact of the research. This can be the impact of the work on the field of athletic training, how well it aligns with the NATA Foundation Research Priorities and the Athletic Training Research Agenda, and/or the student's professional development
- Degree of meaningful collaboration with the research mentor
- Extent to which the research is achievable within the proposed timeline
- Letter of support from the Advisor, who is serving as the research mentor

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD:

- Students are expected to engage in the research process and commit at least 50 hours to the project over the course of the academic year.
- Have the project approved by the Human Subjects/Animal Care Use Committees if they propose to use human or animal subjects. This does not have to be approved at the time of application but must be approved before the start of research.
- Submit a research report of approximately 500-1000 words upon completion of the research or by the end of your university's academic year.

- Submit a final financial report.
- Present the findings of the research to a class or gathering of their choosing by the end of the academic year. We encourage recipients also share their research at local, state, regional, or national athletic training professional meetings when appropriate.
- Submit a social media appropriate post along with pictures that can be shared by the NATA Foundation, summarizing your research.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The [application](#) can be found online through the NATA applications site. If you are a NATA member, you will use your [nata.org](#) login credentials for access to the site. A direct link to the application will be available on the [NATA Foundation research grants page](#) by July 1.

THE APPLICATION:

All elements of the application should be uploaded in one single PDF document.

Project Proposal

The proposal should consist of no more than 2 single-spaced pages with at least 1-inch margins and no smaller than 11-point font. All proposals should contain the following:

- An abstract of the proposed research (200 words or less)
- Introduction and Literature Review, detailing the originality and significance of the project
- Methods section, describing the plans for data collection and analysis
- Timeline (projects should be completed during the academic year)
- Budget (\$1,000); The committee anticipates that a majority of the budget will be hourly wages to support the student investigator. However, if your project has additional needs, feel free to budget those items. Potential budget items may include:

Hourly Support: List the hourly support that is being requested. Salaries cannot be paid to faculty or consultants.

Equipment: Items of all non-expendable equipment must be itemized.

Supplies: Itemize the cost of supplies by major categories, such as animals, chemicals, glassware and expendable equipment.

Animal or Subject Costs: In the case of animals, indicate number to be used, unit cost per animal and cost for daily care. If subjects are to be paid, indicate the number, fee per subject and total cost.

Other: Funds are not permitted to be used for the payment of fees to professional organizations or for overhead costs. No funds are allowed for subscriptions to journals or purchase of books. Inclusion of funds for travel to disseminate research findings may be included.

Recommendation Letter

A recommendation letter from the project advisor/ research mentor is required. This letter should include/confirm:

- The project will be supervised by the advisor who is the research mentor.
- How long the advisor has known the student and in what capacity.
- The proposal was written by the student, in collaboration with the advisor.
- The role of the student on the project and the plan for regular interactions with the student through the duration of the project.
- Information on overlapping or supplemental funding that is relevant to this proposal. Costs covered by other entities are encouraged/allowed.
- A statement on feasibility of the project based on the proposed timeline.

Appendices

References should be included in an appendix. Other appendix items should only be included if they are relevant to understanding the project. This section is limited to a maximum of 4 pages and should not be used to circumvent page limitations.

Faculty Advisor and Institutional Official Form

The applicant's faculty advisor AND a grant official from the institution must review and approve the proposal. The provided [form](#) must be signed and uploaded BEFORE the application is considered complete.