
2023 Stepping Strong Center for Trauma Innovation Explorer Grant

The **Stepping Strong Center for Trauma Innovation Explorer Grant** provides resources to graduate students and postdoctoral trainee investigators looking to conduct a trauma or injury-related project. Students and postdoctoral research fellows from graduate and professional schools in Massachusetts who are conducting research that aligns with the [mission and vision](#) of the Stepping Strong Center are invited to apply for grants up to \$2,000. Applications will be accepted on a semesterly basis and funds will be awarded competitively. Postdoctoral fellows at teaching hospitals affiliated with a university in Massachusetts are eligible to apply if they have an academic appointment as a research fellow at the school.

Eligibility Criteria

- Eligible investigators must be affiliated with a graduate or professional school within Massachusetts
- Graduate students and postdoctoral research fellows are eligible to apply. Hospital-based postdoctoral fellows with a university affiliation are eligible.
- Applications are limited to one per investigator, per year. Previous applicants may reapply.
- Awards are limited to one per investigator and past recipients may not reapply.

Submission Due Dates

- July 1 (Fall semester)
- November 1 (Spring semester)
- April 1 (Summer semester)

Application Process

Applications should include the following:

1. Cover Sheet including project title, applicant's name, affiliated institution, degree program, email address, and telephone number, name, and email address of primary mentor.
2. Project title and abstract (250 word maximum)
3. Research plan, 2 pages (references do not count towards page limit; figures/tables do count in 2-page research plan; supplemental documents are not allowed)
4. NIH format Biosketch for applicant and mentor
5. Brief description of how funds are intended to be used (250 word maximum)

Submit the application by email to steppingstrong@bwh.harvard.edu as a single pdf. In the subject line, please note "SCTI Explorer Grant Application". Please allow approximately four weeks after submission due date for a decision.

Review Process

Proposals will be subject to a rigorous scientific review by an expert panel, which will include the center's faculty leadership.

Awardee Responsibilities

- The work must be completed within one year of funding or before the applicant finishes their training program, whichever comes first.
- Provide SSCTI with a mid-point progress report (300 words maximum)
- Submit a manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal or provide SSCTI with a written summary of the project and results
- Present project findings to SSCTI leadership and collaborators during works in progress research meeting, injury prevention collaborative meeting, or advisory board meeting.