

CARE (Colgate Award For Research Excellence) Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the CARE program?

The CARE (Colgate Award for Research Excellence) program is a 1-year research grant to foster the development of first-time-in-career academic oral health researchers.

2. How often is the CARE grant being awarded?

The grant is offered once a year.

3. What is the grant amount awarded to the winning projects?

\$30,000.00 (USD)

4. How do I apply for the CARE program?

Only applications submitted through our online application system are accepted. To apply, please visit

- <https://www.colgateprofessional.com/care-program> (USA)
- <https://www.colgateprofessional.ca/en-ca/care-program> (Canada, English)
- <https://www.colgateprofessional.ca/fr-ca/care-program> (Canada, Français)

The online application system will be accepting applications for the new cycle **starting Monday, July 22, 2024.**

5. Can I submit application documents separate from the online application system?

No, all forms and documents will have to be submitted online. Should documents be submitted separately the application will be considered incomplete and will be rejected.

6. When is the 2024 submission deadline?

The deadline is **Friday, October 25, 2024 at 5pm (EDT)**. This deadline cannot be extended, and the online application system will automatically reject all applications not submitted by the deadline date.

7. What do I have to submit in order to apply for the CARE grant?

The online application system will take you through the application step-by-step and provide all necessary details along the way. Once you have registered, you can save, exit and re-enter the application anytime until your final submission.

8. When submitting an application, is the applicant eligible to apply without currently having a full-time faculty position, if they will have a full time faculty position prior to the time of award?

The applicant must hold a full-time faculty position at the time of submitting an application.

9. Am I “ineligible” as I am in my 6th year as a faculty although only 3 years with the assistant professor appointment-- the previous 3 years I was an instructor?

We offer the grant to full-time, first time in career (0 to 5 years) junior faculty and consider employment at the full-time, professional level.

10. Would I qualify to submit the proposal for your Care Program as my appointment is from a university other than a dental school?

Yes, we accept applications from other accredited research universities in the US and Canada.

11. What kind of research projects is Colgate looking for?

We are interested in oral/dental care research areas to advance oral healthcare therapies in the realm of basic science, translational science, and clinical care. Additional areas of interest include underserved patients/consumers, naturals/new sources of active ingredients, whitening, digital health, and new delivery forms in oral care.

12. Is there any list of titles of previous successful applications so I can get a sense of the range of topics that have been reviewed favorably?

Topics of interests vary from year to year, depending on the company’s Oral Care strategies and are not privy to disclosure.

13. Can I submit several independent projects to increase the chances of being funded?

No, only one (1) research project per applicant will be accepted.

14. How will the winning research projects be decided upon?

The applications will be reviewed by an independent panel of reviewers.

15. Is it possible to receive the reviewers’ comments?

No, the review panel’s assessments are confidential and will not be disclosed.

16. How long will it take for the grant amount to be provided?

It will take anywhere from 3 to 6 months for the funds to be released, and depends upon how long the agreement takes to process. Parties involved are encouraged to stay atop of the agreement communications so the CARE grant recipient has the opportunity to receive the grant funds as early as possible.

17. When will the grant amount be distributed to the grant recipient and/or the grant recipient’s research university?

For grant recipients, depending on the circumstances, funds may be released from 3 to 6 months after announcing the winners.

18. Will the grant amount cover indirect costs?

Yes, the grant amount covers both direct and indirect costs.

19. What is the maximum allowable rate for indirect costs?

Although the grant amount is expected to cover both direct and indirect costs, the maximum allowable rate is 30% of the grant amount offered in the CARE program.

20. My institution only has a federally negotiated rate for indirect costs, but not an industry negotiated rate. Do you have a rate you generally ask grantees to use?

Yes, 30% of the grant amount offered in the CARE program.

21. Can I request an increase in the research budget after I submit the application?

No, all submitted applications are final after submission.

22. Can the award be used for faculty protected research time?

Unfortunately, the grant does not cover faculty protected research time.

23. Our faculty applicant would like to utilize Colgate funding to support equipment and supply costs rather than salary support. Is it acceptable to put “no salary request (and 0% effort)” on the personnel budget section of the application or would this part be considered during grant proposal judging?

Yes, this would be acceptable for the budget section of the application. Most applicants use the budget for the actual research project and not for salaries. This would be taken into consideration during the application review process.

24. Can the grant be used for faculty salary support?

Only if there is research assistant who is a team member and directly involved in carrying out the research project, for example a graduate student.

25. Is there a limit on the number of applications that can be submitted by a single institution?

There is no limit to the number of applications that can be submitted by a single dental or research institution. However, only one (1) research project can be awarded per institution per program cycle.

26. If an international collaborator (Key Thought Leader) is necessary to complete the research project, will travel to our institution be an allowable cost?

Yes, only if they are directly involved with the research project and if it is within the research budget.

27. I am a team member of the researcher who is the winner of the CARE Program this past year. Will Colgate cover my expenses to travel and present the research at the IADR/ AADOCR (International Association of Dental Research/American Association of Dental and Oral Craniofacial Research) meeting?

No, Colgate will not cover additional travel or accommodations for the CARE grant recipient and/or research team members if they are interested in presenting the CARE grant supported research project at the IADR, AADOCR or other dental congresses. These costs are between the CARE grant recipient, the research team members and their research university. These expenses are outside of the grant amount.

28. After completion of the research project, grant recipients and their mentors (opt.) are to present and share their research findings to Colgate at the Colgate Clinical Research Innovation Day. Are these expenses to be part of the travel expenses in the budget?

The expenses for travel to the Global Technology Center are outside of the grant award, and will be covered by Colgate, unless there is a university or governmental policy/statement forbidding acceptance of this benefit by the grant recipient.

29. Will I be eligible to apply for the CARE grant if I don't need additional funding, and I am able to conduct the study with the support of the grant amount alone?

Yes, you will be eligible to apply for the CARE grant.

30. I didn't get the grant. Can I reapply next year?

Yes, you are welcome to reapply next year.

31. What do you require for proof of being a full-time faculty within the first five years in a research or dental school? Is a letter from the Dean acceptable?

Yes, a letter from the Dean will be accepted.

32. I have some funding I can source from another part of my university for my research project. What do you require as proof of additional funding?

A letter from the Dean or Chief at the source of the funding will be accepted as proof of additional source of funds.

33. Should the co-investigator be within the first five (5) years of academic appointment?

Yes, the co-investigator is to be within the first five (5) years

34. What are the suggested dates to put in for the start and end dates of my budget under "Research Proposal Budget?"

The budget start and end dates should be aligned with the start and end dates of the research proposal. The latest start date of the research project will be the date Colgate signs the agreement, and is to be within the same calendar year the CARE grant winner is announced. If you have additional financial support that has a differing (e.g.--earlier) start and finish date--a unique situation--please specify that as well.

35. I started my academic career at University at XYZ, as Clinical Assistant Professor, and worked there full-time for 18 months. I am still employed in an adjunct capacity at University at XYZ, since I moved to take a tenure-track position at the School of Dentistry in location ABC. Am I still eligible to apply for the grant?

Yes, regarding the first-time -in career (0 to 5 years) position, you are eligible to apply. Regarding being employed at multiple universities, and applying for the CARE Program research grant, clearance must be granted between the places of employment, to make sure there are no conflicts of interest between them.

Please note: The applicant must be employed full-time at the representative research university, for the prospective grant recipient's contract shall be made between the prospective grant recipient's research university (in which the grant recipient will be conducting the research) and Colgate.

36. The project I am working on can potentially be justified as impacting oral health via supporting postgraduate residents' quality of care, but it is not exactly written with that scope. Would an educational research project qualify or only be clinical/diagnostics related?

We are looking for research projects that are clinically and diagnostically related and can be translatable to clinical application and/or to the improvement of patient care.