

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, August 16, 2021.**
- 5. When is the 2021 submission deadline?**

The deadline is **Friday, October 22, 2021 at 5pm (EST)**. This deadline cannot be extended, and the online application system will automatically reject all applications not submitted by then.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Can I submit several independent projects to increase the chances of being Funded?**

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



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- 9. What do I have to submit in order to apply for the CARE grant?**
Our recent 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 or until you pass the deadline.
- 10. How will the winning research projects be decided upon?**
The applications will be reviewed by an independent panel of reviewers.
- 11. 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.
- 12. What is the maximum allowable rate for indirect costs?**
30% of the grant amount offered in the CARE program.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Is travel for an international collaborator, to come to our institution, an allowable cost?**
Yes, but only if they are directly involved with the research project.
- 16. Are there any budgetary items that are not allowable?**
No, there are no known unallowable budgetary items. Each situation will be considered on a case-by-case situation.
- 17. After completion of the research study, grant recipients and their mentors are invited to present their research findings to Colgate at the *Colgate Clinical Research Innovation Day*. Are these expenses to be part of the proposed 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 (of the grant recipient) forbidding acceptance of this benefit.
- 18. I don't need additional funding and am able to conduct the study with the support of the grant amount alone. Will I be eligible to apply for the CARE grant?**



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

- 19. 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.
- 20. Is it possible to receive the reviewers' comments?**
No, the review panel's assessment is confidential and will not be disclosed.
- 21. I didn't get the grant. Can I reapply next year?**
Yes, you are welcome to reapply next year.
- 22. 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
- 23. 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.
- 24. Will the grant amount cover indirect costs?**
It depends on the research project. Some applicants will find the grant amount to cover both direct and indirect costs.
- 25. 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.
- 26. 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 application or would this be viewed negatively 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.
- 27. Should the co-investigator be within the first five years of academic appointment?**
Yes, the co-investigator is to be within the first-five years

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- 28. At time of proposal, 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 proposal.

- 29. 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. If you have additional financial support that has a differing start and finish date--a unique situation--please specify that as well.

- 30. Can the award be used for faculty protected research time?**

The grant is to cover direct costs related to the proposed research project only. For some applicants, their research budget is such that the grant is able to cover indirect costs, too. Unfortunately, the grant does not cover faculty protected research time.

- 31. Can the grant be used for faculty salary support?**

Most applicants propose to use the budget, as it is designed for, to cover direct costs for the research project itself and not for salaries. The only time the budget may be considered in this realm is if there is a research assistant who is a team member and directly involved in carrying out the research project.

- 32. 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.

