2021 Diversity Pipeline Intervention Grant Program

AccessLex Institute

Thank you for your interest in AccessLex Institute grant programs. You are beginning an application for the Diversity Pipeline Intervention Grant Program. Before submitting an application for consideration, please read carefully the grant program's frequently asked questions (FAQs) here.

Scope of Grant

The Diversity Pipeline Intervention Grant Program provides funding to programs and initiatives aimed at helping college students and/or college graduates from historically underrepresented groups successfully matriculate into law school and the legal profession.

The central goal of the Diversity Pipeline Intervention Grant Program is to increase the knowledge base around effective methods for increasing the enrollment and success of law students from historically underrepresented racial and socioeconomic backgrounds. Accordingly, we seek to fund collaborative programs that provide participants with meaningful content and experiences as well as holistic support.

To be fundable, programs must:

- Have a duration of 12-24 months and seek funding in the amount of $200,000-$300,000

- Focus on college students and/or college graduates from underrepresented racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic backgrounds

- Include clear statements of program goals and tangible and measurable objectives
  - Must be premised on preparing participants for the law school admission process and/or law school
  - Program components must be aligned with goals and objectives

- Include an evaluation plan
  - Must be tied directly to goals, objectives, and expected outcomes
  - Must be designed using valid data collection and analytical techniques

- o Must include methods for tracking participants up to some endpoint that transcends the program itself (e.g., end of the admission cycle)
- o Must include methods for documenting relevant outcomes (e.g., participant law school admission outcomes)

Programs that also encompass the following optional elements will be given preference in the selection process:

- Focus on participants who are seeking to begin law school within two (2) years of the start of the desired grant period

- Focus on participants with low standardized test scores and/or grades

- Differential treatment of participants (treatment/control group methodology) for purposes of program evaluation

- Relevant long-term support for participants

- Collaboration with other institutions, organizations, etc.

Scope of Grant Application

The grant application form is designed to elicit detailed information about your project and your proposal. The information should build and expand on the entries placed on the LOI form. Character limits have been increased to allow for such expansion. Responses, however, should be only as long as necessary. Do not feel compelled to exhaust the character limits.

The information provided should focus on components of the program for which grant funds are being sought, though contextual information about other components should be provided to the extent necessary and possible.

All fields on this form require a response. If a prompt is not applicable to your project, mark "N/A". Given the competitive nature of the process, not every grant applicant will be awarded funding. Proposals featuring all the required elements above and at least some of the optional elements are most likely to be awarded funding.

To view and print the full list of questions in the Full Proposal application, click the "Question List" button above. If you have questions about this grant application process, please direct them to grants@accesslex.org with the phrase, "Question – Full Proposal," in the subject line.

To ensure that you receive emails sent from Foundant, our grant interface program, please add administrator@grantinterface.com to your email safe senders list, address book or contacts. Please note, all questions should be directed to grants@accesslex.org.

Grant Number

Assign the application number using the following format: Grant program's initials; calendar year during which the application was received; "APP;" and number by order in which the application was marked complete.

Character Limit: 100

Mandatory Elements Questions

In your LOI you certified that this proposal and the underlying program include each of the mandatory elements listed above. Please affirm that this is still case. **If your program does not comprise each of the mandatory elements, it cannot be funded.**

Mandatory Elements*

Does your proposal and the underlying program still include each of the mandatory elements?

Choices

Yes
No

Optional Elements Questions

Programs that encompass the following optional elements will be given preference in the selection process.

Participant*

Does your program focus on participants who are scheduled to begin law school within two (2) years of the start of the desired grant period?

Choices

Yes
No

Numerical Indicators*

Does your program focus on participants with low numerical indicators (e.g., standardized test scores, grades)?

Choices

Yes

No

Differential Treatment*

Does your program feature differential treatment of participants (treatment/control group methodology) for purposes of program evaluation?

Choices

Yes

No

Long-Term Support*

Does your program feature relevant long-term support for participants?

Choices

Yes

No

Collaboration*

Is your program a collaboration of more than one institution, organization, or entity?

Choices

Yes

No

Program Information

Program Name*

Please enter the name of the program for which you are seeking funding.

Character Limit: 100

Program Summary*

Please enter a brief statement of the program purpose.

Character Limit: 500

Amount Sought*

Please enter the amount being sought.

Character Limit: 20

Total Program Cost*

Please enter the **total cost** of the program during the grant timeframe.

Character Limit: 20

Proposed Funding Duration*

Please enter the duration in months.

Character Limit: 2

Proposed Funding Start Date*
Character Limit: 10

Proposed Funding End Date*
Character Limit: 10

Program Overview

Problem/Issue Statement*
Describe the problem(s) or issue(s) that the program seeks to address. What aspects of the problem or issue necessitate intervention? If this is a problem or issue of heightened relevance or importance, please explain why. Include relevant data. You may be seeking to address more than one problem or issue.

Character Limit: 3000

Program Goals*
List program goals. These are broad statements of program aims that are relevant to the problem(s) or issue(s) described earlier.

Character Limit: 2000

Program Objectives*
List program objectives. These statements should describe what participants will learn and be able to do (or demonstrate) by the end of the grant period. They should be tangible, measurable, and tied to the program goals.

Character Limit: 3000

Expected Program Outcomes*
List expected program outcomes. Most expected outcomes will be quantitative in nature. They should be specific, impactful, realistic, and tied to program goals and objectives.

Character Limit: 3000

Theoretical or Conceptual Framework*
Describe the theory or concept that underlies your reasoning for offering the different components of your program. Focus on actual and perceived relationships between the program goals/objectives and program components/methods.

Character Limit: 4000

Program Participants*
Provide a detailed description of your target participants; the length of their participation; and, the process for selecting participants during the grant period. The description must include:

- Number of participants in each cohort enrolled during the grant period
- Participant eligibility criteria
- Duration of participation for each cohort
- Overview of recruitment process
- Overview of selection process

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Program Components*

Provide a detailed description of the components of your program, as it would be structured if grant funding were awarded. At minimum, you should provide the following information:

- Description of program components, with information about scope and timing
- Descriptions of program materials and instructional aids, identifying the components to which they relate
- Time allotted to each component
- Explanations of how each component and its associated materials relate to program goals, objectives, and expected outcomes
- Explanation of any treatment/control group methodology being used

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Program Evaluation

All applicants invited to submit a full proposal will be required to work with an independent evaluation consultant to develop evaluation questions and plans for data collection and analysis. The consultant has no role in the selection process.

Waivers may be granted upon a showing by the grant applicant that sufficient project evaluation expertise already exists on the research team. You may request a waiver by emailing grants@accesslex.org. Requests must be made at least 21 days before the proposal submission deadline.

Evaluation Questions*

List questions that your program evaluation activities will seek to answer. The questions should be related to progress towards program goals, objectives, and expected outcomes. For each question provide the following information:

- Descriptions of the data that will be used to answer the question
- Explanations of how specific data will be collected or obtained

- Descriptions of the methods used to analyze each type of data

Character Limit: 5000

Program Activities and Assessment Timeline*

Complete and upload the Program Activities and Assessment Timeline template. Click here to access the template.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Prior Year Outcomes*

If you have conducted an evaluation of your program in the past, please feel free to share relevant findings here. We are particularly interested in findings that suggest the program has impacted participant outcomes. Otherwise, mark "N/A".

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Budget

Project Budget*

Please upload a clear and detailed budget for the proposed project using the AccessLex Center for Legal Education Excellence® budget template. Click here to access the budget template.

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Budget Narrative*

Please provide a budget justification/narrative to support your application. The budget narrative should explain how each line-item expense is justified in the context of attaining the program goals, objectives, and expected outcomes.

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Project Management

Organization and Qualifications of Key Staff*

Please describe the primary organization(s) in which the research activities will take place. Please also list key staff and describe their roles and qualifications for this project. Attach all key staff resumes and/or curricula vitae as one document through the link below. **Please limit each resume/CV to a two-page maximum focusing only on information that is relevant to qualifications for this project.**

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Collaborations and Partnerships*

Describe any formal collaborations or partnerships with other organizations. Describe how these collaborations or partnerships will contribute to the quality of the proposed project. Please include only collaborations and partnerships for which formal commitments have already been secured. If no formal collaborations or partnerships, mark "N/A".

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Dissemination Plan*

Describe any plans to announce receipt of the grant and/or any plans to disseminate information about program activities and participant outcomes experienced during the period of grant funding and thereafter. If no such plans, mark "N/A".

Please note that any grant publicity is subject to Section 6 of the standard grant agreement.

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Potential Program Obstacles and Challenges*

Describe any potential obstacles or challenges that could impact the project's overall success and how you plan to respond to these obstacles or challenges. If no such plans, mark "N/A".

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Sustainability*

Please describe any plans or strategies for funding and continuing the program beyond the expiration of any grant funds from AccessLex. If no such plans, mark "N/A".

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Supplemental Information

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Please provide any other relevant information not addressed by the previous questions that may help the AccessLex Center for Legal Education Excellence® evaluate your application. You may also upload items that are directly related to your program, such as letter(s) of support and collaboration, and publication(s). If no such information will be added, mark "N/A".

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Award Conditions and Information for AccessLex Grants

Successful execution of the grant agreement is required before the decision to award a grant is considered final. Please review the standard grant agreement and share with your legal team to confirm that your organization does not foresee any issues with this standard agreement.

Have you reviewed the standard grant agreement?*

Choices
Yes
No

Contact Information

Principal Investigator Name*

Please enter the name of the Principal Investigator. If there are multiple PIs, designate one to identify here.

Character Limit: 250

Principal Investigator Email*

Please enter the Principal Investigator's email address.

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