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Taylor Associates Research Grant Policies and Procedures

Research Funding

Taylor Associates, creator of Reading Plus®, the leading technology for silent reading fluency, provides limited funding for innovative research aimed at advancing silent fluency training. The emphasis is on applied projects that directly contribute to the development of Reading Plus®.

Interested researchers should contact Alexandra Spichtig, Director of Product Development for Taylor Associates, at alex@readingplus.com for more information.

Purpose

The purpose of Taylor Associates grants is to provide financial support to non-profit organizations or institutions in conducting quality research related to:

- foundational visual and perceptual skills necessary for silent reading fluency
- visual and perceptual skill development in developing readers
- oculomotor behavior of developing readers
- development of reading fluency and proficiency
- oculomotor activity during silent reading
- metacognition during silent reading
- silent reading assessments
- scaffolded silent reading instruction.

Taylor Associates may consider proposals for silent reading research not covered by the list above.

Application Process

The Executive Board of Taylor Associates will conduct a preliminary review of all proposals to ascertain which are suitable for consideration. Those institutions that do not meet Taylor Associates criteria for grants will be notified within eight (8) weeks of receipt of their proposal.

Taylor Associates staff will evaluate proposals that meet initial criteria. Taylor Associates staff may request additional information, clarification, or background data from the institutions seeking a grant. The Executive Board will make the final decision to fund or not to fund a research project. The board will notify grant applicants of the final decision.

There is no application form. The applicant is required to submit the following:

- research project summary, including a detailed proposal describing the research project's objective, a brief background and context of the research problem, research design, and methodology
- specific explanation of why the research project is of interest to silent reading fluency instructional design
- detailed budget for the project
- *Curriculum Vitae*s of the principal project leaders.

Incomplete application packages will not be considered. All materials submitted in support of the research grant application become the property of Taylor Associates and are not returned to the applicant.

Guidelines

Grant applicants

- must hold appropriate, verifiable professional qualifications, unless otherwise approved by Taylor Associates.
- must agree to milestone deliverables for grant disbursement.

Proposals for research should be as specific as possible, and include

- a rationale for the research (statement of the research problem, background and context, research question(s), importance or significance of the study)
- research methodology.

Grant Expenditure Limitations

For any work done in partnership with universities or similar research institutions, the maximum facilities and administration (indirect cost) rate is 10 percent.

Taylor Associates may require specific expenditure reporting. Applicants who are awarded a Taylor Associates grant may receive a list of non-allowable costs, if deemed necessary.

Dissemination and Publication of Research

As warranted by specific research projects, Taylor Associates will expect research results to be submitted to peer-reviewed journals for publication at the conclusion of the research project.

Taylor Associates will work with grant applicants to set mutually agreed to milestone deliverables for research papers. One or more drafts or work-in-progress versions of research papers will be required during the grant timeframe.