Selection Criteria

The ADHA Institute for Oral Health Research Grant Review Committee will use the following unweighted selection criteria to evaluate applications:

Significance

The proposed project will be reviewed for its significance by determining the extent to which the project:
  a. Clearly describes and documents the need for or supports an on-going/established project.
  b. Identifies specific needs in the current delivery of community services and addresses how the proposed project will fill the identified needs.
  c. Offers a creative approach to increasing the public’s oral and general health.

Outcome Measures

The proposed project will be reviewed by evaluating the extent to which the project -
  a. Identifies appropriate outcome measures that will provide a means for evaluating how the project is meeting its stated objectives.
  b. Has an ongoing evaluation system that can provide quantitative or qualitative evidence to all parties of interest, the benefits obtained by participants as a result of participating in the project.
  c. Demonstrates sustainability once the grant has come to an end.

Feasibility

The proposed project will be reviewed in terms of feasibility to the extent which the project -
  a. Exhibits a logical and sound planning process as a means toward implementing the project.
  b. Follows a timeline appropriate to the goals and outcomes to be achieved.
  c. Involves key personnel (i.e., community dental hygienists, faculty, researchers) who are qualified to undertake project activities.
  d. The requested budget adequately supports the proposed activities.
  e. If the project includes a research component, protocol is consistent with state and federal laws regulating research with human subjects and infection control procedures.

Selection Procedures

The ADHA Institute for Oral Health Research Grant Review Committee will evaluate applications using unweighted criteria. Up to six awards will be presented each year or as funds are available. One award will be granted to a recipient in the state of Hawaii and the other awards shall be granted to recipients in any of the other 49 states.

SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be a United States citizen who is either a licensed dental hygienist or a student pursuing a dental hygiene degree.
- Applicant must be a member of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association.
- Current ADHA Institute Board of Directors and ADHA Board of Trustees may not apply, nor may members of the Research Grant Review Committee apply as principal investigators.