

The W.M. Keck Foundation

Keck Funding Request for Applications (RFA)

Informational Link: <https://www.wmkeck.org/research-overview/#funding-guidelines>

Funding Range: Grants range from \$1-\$5 million and are typically \$2 million or less.

Overview: The W. M. Keck Research Program seeks to benefit humanity by supporting Medical Research and Science & Engineering projects that are distinctive and novel in their approach, question the prevailing paradigm, or have the potential to break open new territory in their field. The Research Program employs a two-phase application process with optional pre-application counseling. All communication with the foundation, including submitting applications, proposals and reports must be via the institution's designated liaison, the Corporate & Foundation Relations team in the Office of Philanthropy.

They fund projects that:

- Focus on important and emerging areas of research
- Have potential to develop breakthrough technologies, instrumentation, or methodologies
- Are innovative, distinctive, and interdisciplinary
- Demonstrate a high level of risk due to unconventional approaches or challenge the prevailing paradigm
- Have potential for transformative impact such as the founding of a new field of research, enabling of new observations, or altering perception of a previously intractable problem
- Fall outside the mission of public funding agencies
- Demonstrate that W.M. Keck Foundation support is essential to the project's success

Additional Information: Applicants are encouraged to review previously funded grant abstracts: <https://www.wmkeck.org/our-focus-research/#focus-abstracts-research>

Key Dates

Date	Action Item
April 12, 2024, 11:59 pm EST	Concept Paper Deadline
May 3, 2024	Applicants Notified of Selection Status

Submission: Keck Foundation Funding applications through the [Keck Foundation Funding submission system](#), which requires the following:

Concept Papers: must be single page with 12-point font with 1-inch margins and include:

- Organization Name
- Project Title
- Full name of Principal Investigator
- An overview of the proposed project emphasizing any unique aspects and pilot studies (indicate area of emphasis for project – Medical Research or Science & Engineering Research)
- A description of the methodologies and key personnel
- A brief justification of the need for Keck Foundation support
- An estimated budget – If possible, broken down by major areas, e.g. personnel, equipment, consumable supplies, etc.
- With any remaining space within the 1-page limit, authors may add other details
- If a reference is necessary, abbreviate it as (Science, 323, 45, '11). DO NOT USE (Jones et al., 2011).
- Please avoid any illustrations.

Questions regarding the application process should be directed to Joanna Yu, JD at jhyu@wakehealth.edu