2027 Spring Making a Difference

The Greenwall Foundation

Welcome and instructions

Thank you for your interest in The Greenwall Foundation's Making a Difference in Real-World Bioethics Dilemmas program. Letters of intent must be submitted by January 4, 2027 at 11:59 pm ET.

Please note: The online system considers 11:59:00 pm ET (not 11:59:59 pm ET) to be the submission deadline and will not accept submissions after that point. Be sure to submit your application on time, as we will not accept late applications that result from technical issues with the online portal.

We appreciate the time and effort that applicants put into the Foundation's application process, and understand that it might be more intensive than applications to other philanthropic organizations. Our goal is to help develop and support strong proposals that are positioned to have the greatest impact in real-world, practical settings. Please view our "Tips for Applying" video to hear from Foundation staff directly about features of the strongest letters of intent we receive and common pitfalls to avoid. You can also learn more about the review process here.

Using this Form:

This form is made up of multiple sections. To view any section of the form, click on the arrow at the left of the section header bar. Only one section of the form can be viewed at a time. Viewing a new section automatically closes any other.

Required questions are marked by an asterisk (*). If, at any time, you need to save your answers and complete the LOI later, click on the SAVE LOI button at the bottom of this form. A message will appear at the top of your screen indicating the LOI has been saved.

If you wish to save a PDF file of the questions in this form, use the QUESTION LIST button at the top of the page. If you wish to save a PDF file of your LOI responses, first save your LOI, then return to the form and click on the LOI PACKET button, which will appear at the top of the form after you have saved the LOI.

To submit a completed LOI, click the SUBMIT LOI button at the bottom of this form.

Communication and Updates:

- Add grantinterface.com to your safe senders list to ensure you receive all system communications.
- Log into your account at https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=greenwall to access saved and submitted forms.

General Information:

- The Greenwall Foundation does not make grants to unaffiliated individuals, or to institutions that do not have tax-exempt status in the United States.
- It is important that your application be submitted from the principal investigator's online account, rather than that of a staff member at the PI's institution or another member of the research team.
- An individual cannot simultaneously receive Making a Difference and Faculty Scholars Program funding from The Greenwall Foundation. Moreover, an individual cannot simultaneously be the principal investigator on open applications under consideration by the Foundation in the two programs.
- If you have questions or need assistance when completing the online application, please contact Kyle Ruempler, kruempler@greenwall.org.

Project information

Project Title*

Title of Project.

Character Limit: 250

Project Summary*

Please provide a one-sentence summary of the project, written for a lay audience.

Character Limit: 375

Priority Topic*

While we welcome all innovative proposals that will have a real-world impact, we are particularly interested in proposals that address the ethical issues raised by this cycle's priority topics:

- Trust in science, medicine, and public health;
- Bias and discrimination in health care, which may be based on a broad range of characteristics;

- Public health crises related to, for example, emerging infectious diseases, climate change, or mental health;
- Healthcare access, costs, and resource allocation;
- Recent changes to the federal health and biomedical science policy and funding landscape.

Please select a priority topic from the list below, or "None" if applicable.

Choices

Trust in science, medicine, and public health
Bias and discrimination in health care
Public health crises
Healthcare access, costs, and resource allocation
Recent changes to the federal health and biomedical science policy and funding landscape
None

Amount Requested (LOI)*

Please remember, salaries for investigators are capped at 1.5x the current NIH cap for the basis of the percent effort allocation. Additionally, The Greenwall Foundation will fund 10% indirect costs for salary and benefits only.

Character Limit: 20

Project Duration (LOI)*

Please select your project duration from the drop-down menu. Note that The Greenwall Foundation only awards grants in 6-month increments. All projects funded in this cycle will begin on or after July 1, 2027 (no later than October 1, 2027).

Choices

6 months
12 months
18 months
24 months
30 months
36 months
> 36 months

Research team

Proposed Research Team*

Please list the names, academic/professional titles, and institutions of the proposed research team members. Please include the percent effort for all team members allocating 10% effort or more.

Character Limit: 2500

Principal Investigator CV*

Please include a CV as a PDF of the principal investigator (no more than 5 single-spaced pages) that highlights evidence of your experience and expertise needed to carry out the proposed project.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Key Personnel #2 CV

Please include the CV as a PDF of a second key research team member (no more than 5 single-spaced pages) that highlights evidence of their experience and expertise needed to carry out the proposed project. No additional CVs will be accepted at this time.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Narrative information

The project narrative should use the following headers in the order listed below:

- Bioethics problem. Describe the bioethics problem to be addressed (including why it is primarily an ethics problem), its significance, and how the project will help to resolve it.
- Aims/research questions. Succinctly list the specific aims of the project. You are welcome to include key research questions or hypotheses to illustrate how specific aims will be achieved.
- Methods. Describe the methods that will be used to achieve the aims or answer the research questions.
- Dissemination. Describe plans for dissemination, including the peer-reviewed bioethics publications expected from the project and other means of dissemination beyond academic publication (e.g., to stakeholder audiences and to key individuals who can change practice or policy).
- Innovation and impact. Explain how the proposed project is innovative and builds upon current scholarship, and its potential impact on policy or practice.
- Foundation's vision and mission. Explain how the project will promote the Foundation’s vision of making bioethics integral to decisions in health care, policy, and research and its mission of expanding bioethics knowledge to improve clinical, biomedical, and public health decision-making, policy, and practice.
- Research team. Provide a summary of the team's experience and expertise, including the team’s expertise in relevant disciplines and methodologies, and their close familiarity and real-world experience with the bioethics problem(s) to be addressed.

Please be sure to include all of these sections in your narrative; failure to do so may render your application incomplete.

Narrative (LOI)*

Please upload the narrative in PDF format. This narrative should be no longer than three single-spaced pages plus references (which do not count against the three-page limit), with one-inch margins and in a font no smaller than 12 point. Please do not submit any additional documents.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Repeat Applicants*

Have you previously submitted a Making a Difference LOI on the same or a similar topic to the current proposal?

Choices

Yes
No

Repeat Applicants Explanation

If you answered "Yes" to the prior question ("Repeat Applicants"), please explain how the current proposal differs from the previous one(s).

Character Limit: 500

Use of AI in Grant Application*

The Foundation is seeking to better understand how bioethics researchers are using artificial intelligence (AI) in their work. Please check the boxes below to indicate how you used AI, if at all, to develop this LOI.

Please note: Your response will not be visible to reviewers and will not be considered as part of the review process.

Choices

Conceptualizing ideas
Generating an outline for your application
Reviewing or summarizing relevant background literature
Generating or modifying visual content
Drafting sections of text
Rewriting your original language (to improve flow, style, clarity, etc.)
Proofreading text for grammatical errors or typos
Other (please provide additional information in the text box below)
No AI used

Use of AI in Grant Application (Other)

If you selected "Other" in the question above ("Use of AI in Grant Application"), please provide additional information here.

Character Limit: 500

Foundation Feedback (Optional)

LOI Dissemination (Optional)

How did you learn about this cycle of the Making a Difference program? (Select all that apply.)

Choices

E-mail from the Foundation
Through your institution
E-mail from professional organization (please specify below)
From a colleague
LinkedIn
You are a previous applicant
Foundation's website
Other website (please specify below)
Other (please specify below)

Additional Details

Please provide additional details here related to the "LOI Dissemination" question above (no other information should be entered into this text field).

Character Limit: 250