

NATIONAL CREATION SCIENCE FOUNDATION

WHO WE ARE

The **National Creation Science Foundation** (NCSF) is a specialized activity of the Institute for Creation Research (ICR). Founded in 1970, ICR is a biblical and scientific creationist organization that blends research, education, and communication. ICR was founded by the late Dr. Henry M. Morris to conduct genuine research of God's creation and thus to recover science for God's glory, to educate those with "eyes to see," and to document how creation evidences demonstrate that those who ignore the Creator do so "without excuse." ICR's focus and mission is defined by its Tenets of Biblical Creationism and its Tenets of Scientific Creationism (www.icr.org/tenets).

NCSF, as a formal program activity of ICR, directly addresses ICR's mission priority of research, doing so with a view toward channeling research results into educational applications. Specifically, NCSF was established in 2008, to promote the progress of science (from a creationist perspective) "in biosciences, astrophysics, geosciences, ecology, and technological sciences, as well as related areas of specialized scholarly research (such as forensic science analysis applied to DNA-aided demographic history, post-Flood biogeography, or Christian apologetics applied to history/archaeology), so that such scholarly research is designed and useful for analyzing the biblical account of creation, the Fall in Eden, the worldwide Flood, the division of languages, or other aspects of creation history as it is described within Genesis chapters 1 through 11."

NCSF leadership consists of 1) a Research Program Director and Assistant Director who oversee the NCSF program's administration, merit review, planning, budget, and day-to-day operations, and 2) a multi-member board of advisors, who meet periodically to advise, guide, and/or assist the director in establishing the overall policies of the foundation. NCSF advisory board members are appointed to serve staggered terms.

WHAT WE DO

NCSF has an operational mission to support discovery in scientific areas from astronomy to zoology. Generally speaking, ICR's NCSF intends to ensure that research is fully integrated with creationist education, so that today's cutting-edge science research will become available for training tomorrow's science practitioners and teachers, as well as Christian apologetics educators. NCSF's task of identifying and funding work at the frontiers of science and engineering is not a "top-down" process. NCSF operates from the "bottom up," keeping close track of innovative research around the world, to identify worthwhile horizons of science inquiry, to monitor areas amenable to scientific progress, and to support promising science researchers.

HOW WE WORK

NCSF applies policy and procedures for accepting research proposals, as such are submitted by qualified candidates for research grant awards. Each research grant proposal should be submitted to NCSF, to the attention of the NCSF's Research Program Director. Each such proposal must be signed by its Project Director (PD), if there are multiple researchers involved in the project, and by each Principal Investigator (PI) on the research team. Each PI holds an earned Ph.D. in a relevant empirical or forensic science discipline, or, in some special cases, holds an equivalent terminal degree (such as a medical (M.D) or veterinary science doctorate (D.V.M). Each proposal should identify all Research Associates (RA) who will serve on the project. Research team members must disclose their accordance with both ICR's Scientific Creationism Tenets and ICR's Biblical Creationism Tenets (see www.icr.org/tenets). These tenets represent NCSF's focus on and commitment to the biblical text of Genesis 1-11, a recent universe, and fiat creation, and other doctrines.

The research grant awards will be released upon completion of pre-approved research work in accordance with terms and conditions of the signed grant agreement. In many cases, payment will be contingent on reporting, authoring, and/or teaching which incorporates substantial results of a given research project. If a book, DVD, or other published product is produced with the research project's findings, the award will be linked to an Intellectual Property Policy Agreement to be negotiated prior to the research project's approval, such that a royalty in accordance with ICR's standard practice is provided after the book, DVD, or other published product is produced and is selling. Similar principles will apply to research projects linked to educational tours or field studies, with pre-negotiated fees to be provided for service, after performance, as a tour guide or field study director. Similar principles will also apply to speaking engagements, with pre-negotiated fees to be provided as honoraria after the speaking services are provided.

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HOW TO SUBMIT A RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Thank you for your interest in a **National Creation Science Foundation** grant. The **National Creation Science Foundation** is soliciting proposals from qualified applicants for projects that fit our institutional mission, creationist tenets, and research proposal guidelines.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

The Acceptable Proposal

The acceptable Research Proposal will be a proposal written for the purpose of solving a problem or answering a question or performing an event; the proposal will describe a project or event which will have a definite endpoint. Obviously, the proposal must describe why your proposal should be funded, and the proposal must be written in sufficient detail to satisfy a panel of your peers. The proposal must describe a project that can be broken down into phases (2 phases minimum), with each phase containing the objectives to be met in that phase. The grant money will be dispersed upon completion of the objectives within each phase.

The Grant

Due to our sources of research money used in the NCSF grant, this grant will be a limited-access grant where money will be dispersed upon completion of pre-established objectives and guidelines written into an agreement approved by both parties. NCSF and the researcher will work under this agreement which specifies the phases of the project, its objectives, and when payments will be made. ICR and NCSF have no intention to direct the research in any manner or direction, except according to ICR Creationist Tenets per the agreement, but NCSF will only disperse the grant money according to the agreement. NCSF must do this to satisfy our benefactors who require tight control of their donated money and high accountability for the actions of ICR/ NCSF and our contracted researchers. A contractual agreement must be signed between the Program Director and ICR/ NCSF before work can begin.

Reporting

NCSF and the Grantee must maintain communication with each other in the event of delays and those inevitable research bumps, and the Grantee will provide summary monthly reports and detailed quarterly reports of progress during the life of the project. Upon completion of the project, a final report with discussion of all results, and a publishable summary report shall be written for inclusion into a creation science journal determined by ICR.

Writing Format

See enclosed **NCSF Grant Proposal Format** to understand what the expected content of the proposal is, as this will aid in the writing of your proposal.

Rejoice evermore and pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:16,17.

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NCSF GRANT APPLICATION

Title of Project: _____

Project Director: (PD) (if a multi-team project)

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ **FAX:** _____

Email: _____ **Website:** _____

Principal Investigator (PI) (if a solo project)

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ **FAX:** _____

Email: _____ **Website:** _____

Estimated total cost & timeframe for entire project: _____

Estimated project start time: _____

_____ **Will this project be funded by another source other than ICR/NCSF? If YES, identify sources and amounts.** _____

_____ **Have all researchers signed and completed the Disclosure Statement?**

_____ **Have you received any support for research from ICR or NCSF before now?**

_____ **Are you requesting additional funding for a project already supported by NCSF?**

If YES, what is the Project Code Number? _____

_____ **Have you included a Research Proposal Summary? (Summary format included)**

_____ **Have you included the Research Proposal? (Research Proposal Format included)**

Work Location(s): _____

(if different than _____

mailing address) _____

NCSF Grant Proposal Format

A. NCSF Grant Application (Included in packet)

- 1) Title of proposed project
- 2) Name, title, affiliation, address, email address, and phone number of Research Director
- 3) Proposed start date
- 4) Proposed duration of project (and timeframes for its component phases)

Use the following outline for the main body of the proposal with a limit of four total pages of text for sections C through F. The outline headings should be used as section headings in the proposal.

B. Abstract (one page or less)

C. Objectives (Identification of research project's primary and secondary goals)

D. Research Proposal Summary (Summary format included in packet)

E. Background and Significance (Literature Review)

- 1) What aspect of the biblical view of origins and earth history does this research address?
- 2) Consider NCSF's mission statement; how is the proposed research relevant to Genesis 1-11?
- 3) What is the current understanding of the issues this research will address?
- 4) What reasons are there to conclude that this research will indeed advance the current young-earth creationist understanding in a significant way?

F. Methodology

- 1) What theoretical, numerical, and/or experimental strategies will be employed to achieve the objectives of this research project?
- 2) Explain how this methodology is appropriate for achieving the objectives.
- 3) What facilities and equipment are available to the research team?
- 4) What necessary permits or special permissions will be needed?

G. Proposed Results

- 1) What are the possible outcomes from this research?
- 2) Which outcome demonstrates the successful conclusion to the project?
- 3) Which outcome would warrant termination of the project?
- 4) What are some alternative methods if the proposed methods fail to achieve the desired results?

H. Statement of Work

- 1) What are the specific research tasks to be completed by team members? (Please note that NCSF prefers research projects designed in phases.)
- 2) What are the timeframes for each phase of the project to be completed?
- 3) What are the potential workshops and meetings where this work can be presented?

- 4) What kind of progress reporting of research data is anticipated?
- 5) What are the end-products or deliverables from this work? (Publications)
- 6) ICR is entitled to publish the first full report of the completed research. Of the Research Director and/or Principle Investigators, who will be responsible for authoring (or co-authoring) the first full report of the completed research?

I. Budget Summary

- 1) Total amount requested
- 2) Stipends (for research team)
- 3) Travel (e.g., workshops, field work, speaking for ICR)
- 4) Equipment costs for this project (e.g. software)
- 5) Analytical and outsourcing costs
- 6) Consumables (supplies, including office supplies)
- 7) Other expenses (e.g., telephone, FAX, postage)

J. Biographical sketches of the Research Director and Principle Investigators (1 page each)

- 1) In addition to standard scientific/professional credentials, include a statement concurring with the Biblical & Scientific Creationism Tenets of ICR, or else an alternate statement qualifying concurrence or otherwise disclosing any specific point of non-affirmation regarding ICR's Creationism Tenets.
- 2) Affirmative action-relevant information (voluntary/not required): include a summary of past discrimination experience(s), if any, allegedly due to being identified as a creationist (or due to criticizing evolutionary theory).

K. References (Peer-reviewed reference material)

L. Mail completed materials to:

ICR/NCSF Research Grant Program
Attn: Dr. Charles McCombs, Asst Director
Institute for Creation Research
1806 Royal Lane
Dallas, Texas 75229

RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUMMARY FORMAT

TITLE: _____

AUTHOR: _____

1. Amount of money needed upfront to start project
a. Purchase of equipment \$ _____

b. Purchase of supplies \$ _____

2. PHASE 1 (TITLE)

a. Objective 1

b. Objective 2

c. Objective 3, etc

d. Labor (list) \$ _____

e. Expenses (list) \$ _____

3. PHASE 2 (TITLE)

a. Objective 1

b. Objective 2

c. Objective 3, etc

d. Labor (list) \$ _____

e. Expenses (list) \$ _____

4. PHASE 3 (TITLE) if needed

a. Objective 1

b. Objective 2

c. Objective 3, etc

d. Labor (list) \$ _____

e. Expenses (list) \$ _____

5. REPORTS

a. Final Report

b. Written Article

c. Submission of Documents

d. Close Agreement (25% of grant amount) \$ _____

TOTAL GRANT REQUEST \$ _____

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List all Investigators

Investigator:

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Investigator:

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

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I have read all of the ICR Tenets on www.icr.org/tenets.

- ☐ I agree with all of the ICR Tenets.
- ☐ I do not agree with all of the ICR Tenets.

(Please explain any qualifications or disagreements in COMMENT section below.)

Name: _____ PD PI I (circle one)

Signature:

Date:

COMMENTS:

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Additional Information

1. The **Project Director (PD)** is the manager of a multi-team research project. The **PD** will act as the official contact person for the duration of NCSF funding. If there are multiple PIs leading various components of a larger project, the PIs will work under the direction of and communicate to NCSF through the PD.
2. The **Principal Investigator (PI)** is typically the lead researcher on a project, and the person responsible for reporting results back to NCSF. The **PI** will be the spokesperson for any subcontracted work on the project. If there is more than one researcher on a project, the **PI** will serve as the official contact person for the duration of NCSF funding.
3. The **PD** or **PI** will be the recipient of the grant monies from NCSF, and all grant money will be reported to the IRS as 1099 income to the grant recipient. Contact ICR if other arrangements need to be made; this is especially important if there will be subcontracted work directed by the PD or PI.
4. The **Investigator (I)** typically assists the PI(s) to carry out various tasks related to the overall completion of the funded project.
5. Applicant(s) must disclose their accordance with or objections to **ICR Tenets** (see www.icr.org/tenets). NCSF-funded projects will focus on and be committed to the biblical text of Genesis 1-11, a recent universe, fiat creation, and other tenets that describe the activities and mission of ICR. Proposals not in keeping with these principles will not be considered.