

Assignment 5 Instructions

The Klein foundation's Local Knowledge Program awards up to \$25,000 to support undergraduate anthropology students conduct up to 12 months of theoretically informed and ethnographically grounded research on current health issues. The program seeks to use this knowledge to develop more effective health programs and policies that build on local knowledge and promote community empowerment. All Local Knowledge Program projects must be based in a local community and include at least one local, community-based organization as a formal partner. There are no topical or geographic restrictions for the Local Knowledge Program, although the foundation privileges research on health disparities, disadvantaged communities, and under-studied/theorized health issues.

The program supports on-the-ground, participatory research in local communities, including the living expenses of conducting ethnographic fieldwork, honoraria to community partners, participant stipends, and direct costs associated with conducting research and developing health promotion/community mobilization programs. The Local Knowledge Program does not support academic training, language studies, and conferences. More details on program requirements may be obtained by contacting the foundation directly.

Application Format

- **Title + 150 word Abstract [on one page] + THREE PAGES [Background & Signification; Specifics Aims and Research Plan]**
- Single spaced, 11 or 12 font, 1" margins

Application Content

Your grant application should have the following sections.

1. **Title and Abstract** (150 words maximum)

The abstract concisely describes your project, including its objectives, methods, significance and innovation. Remember that many reviewers may rely heavily on the abstract to understand your application. Your title does not count for the 150 word count.

2. **Background and Significance** (approximately 1.5 pages)

The Background and Significance section lays out the current state of knowledge on your topic and makes the case of why it is important and necessary to conduct the proposed research. This section may include epidemiological data, theory, and existing programs and policies. You should directly cite at least four of the course readings, as well as literature specific to your topic.

The Background and Significance section is very important because it shows reviewers you have a balanced understanding of the field. After presenting the lay of the land, identify gaps and discrepancies in the literature and show how your proposal is innovative, will increase knowledge in the field, and (for the purposes of the Klein Foundation) contribute to improving community health. Be sure to integrate your hypothesis/research question(s) into the end of your discussion – the Background and Signification section of a grant should logically and seamlessly lead into your Specific Aims and Research Plan.

3. Specific Aims and Research Plan (approximately 1.5 pages).

Your specific aims are the objectives of your research project – that is, what you want to accomplish. The project aims should be driven by your research question/hypothesis. Make sure that your specific aims are highly focused. If you have more than one research question, state specific aims for each one. Keep in mind that your research should directly relate to the specific aims you have described. And don't confuse specific aims with the long-term goals of your project.

After laying out your specific aims (I'd say about 1/4 page), describe your research methods in detail and provide a rationale for their use. Organize your methods in the same order of your specific aims. Convince reviewers that the methods you chose are appropriate to your specific aims, that you are familiar with them, and that, unless innovative, they are well established. If your methods are innovative, show how you have changed existing, proven methods while avoiding potential problems. In all cases, describe why the new methods are advantageous to the research you propose to do. Include a discussion on how you will analyze your data and the format(s) you will use to present your findings to the Foundation.

And since you are applying to Klein Foundation, be sure to show how your methods will expand our understanding of local knowledge, support community mobilization, and support healthy communities!