

Grant Application



Greetings applicant. As you know, the research grant for which you are applying is a highly competitive process. Only carefully crafted proposals with real-life applications will receive full funding. Below you will find a detailed summary of what must appear in your proposal. Failure to include ALL aspects will result in a lower funding level or possibly no funding at all. You might want to treat the list below as a checklist for your proposal. As always, we here at the Hanso Foundation require that all major applications be neatly typed with careful attention to spelling and grammar and between 4 to 6 pages. Please include the section headings in your proposal. We thank you for your interest and namaste.

Section I: Proposal (1 to 2 paragraphs will suffice for this section)

- Please include a description of your psychological approach
- Please give a brief description of the topic you wish to study

Section II: Collection of Data (1 page will suffice for this section)

- Experiments are expensive and will not be funded unless you have a good reason to believe there is a causal relationship between two variables. Please list and *thoroughly* describe which research method you used to collect data to get to your proposed hypothesis. (Surveys, Naturalistic Observation, or Case Studies.)

Section III: Experimental Design (This will be the meat of your essay)

Address the following items in order:

- State your hypothesis
- Identify the Independent and Dependent Variables you are studying and the Operational Definitions you will use to study these variables.
- Explain how you will set up your experiment being careful to account for a control Group and an Experimental Group
- How will you control for confounding variables? (Depending on the experiment it should include but is not limited to discussions of Experimenter Bias, Demand Characteristics, Single/Double Blind Study, Placebos,
- How will you select your participants? (This should include but is not limited to discussions of random and representative assignment.)

Section IV: Ethical Concerns and Practical Applications

- Does your experiment conform to APA ethical guidelines?
- As you know, the Hanso Foundation stands at the vanguard of social and scientific research for the advancement of the human race. For forty years, the foundation has offered grants to worthy experiments. What makes your experiment worthy of our funding?

Funding Levels

900,000-1 million Euros*

Grants that receive this funding level will fully address ALL items in each of the four topics. Even if, by virtue of their experimental design, they do not use an item, they will explain why. They will propose an experiment that fully controls for confounding variables and unwanted biases. They will propose an experiment that, by virtue of careful sampling, can be generalized. They will also be typed, excellently organized and largely free of grammatical errors.

800,000 – 900,000 million Euros

Grants that receive this funding level will fully address ALMOST ALL items in each of the four topics. Even if by virtue of their experimental design they do not use an item, they will usually explain why. They will propose an experiment that mostly controls for confounding variables and unwanted biases. They will propose an experiment that, by virtue of sampling, can be generalized. They will also be typed, well organized and mostly free of grammatical errors.

700,000 – 800,000 million Euros

Grants that receive this funding level will address MOST items in each of the four topics. Even if, by virtue of their experimental design, they do not use an item, they will sometimes explain why. They will propose an experiment that controls for some confounding variables and unwanted biases. They will propose an experiment that, by virtue of sampling, may be generalized. They will also be typed, organized and contain some grammatical errors.

600,000 – 700,000 million Euros

Grants that receive this funding level will address items in each of the four topics. Even if, by virtue of their experimental design, they do not use an item, they probably do not explain why. They will propose an experiment that controls for a few confounding variables and unwanted biases. They will propose an experiment that, by virtue of questionable sampling, may not be generalized. They will also be typed, poorly organized and contain multiple grammatical errors.

0 – 600,000 million Euros

Grants that receive this funding level will address a few items maybe in all four topics. They will ignore items they choose not to use. Their experiment does not control confounding variables and unwanted biases. They will propose an experiment that, by virtue of erroneous sampling, may not be generalized. They will also be typed, but they will be disorganized and contain a myriad grammatical errors.

* 10,000 Euros equals 1 point.