Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation ("KTGF"): Request for Proposals Addressing Access to Care
Unrestricted funding opportunity

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Website:	https://klingenstein.org/klingenstein-third-generation-foundation/other-grants/applying/
Submission Limitations:	None
Foundation Deadline:	**January 13, 2022, 11:59 pm EST**

Please contact your RAS unit *and* Nicole Dancz-Bal to inform them of your intent to submit.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

In 2015, the Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation ("KTGF") embarked on an initiative to improve access to mental health care for children and adolescents, especially those from low-income families with limited supports and resources. The Access to Care initiative was prompted by the recognition by KTGF Board members, based in part on their personal experiences, that it is often difficult for parents to access appropriate and high-quality care when confronted with challenging and often complex mental health needs of their children.

The principal objective of this initiative has been to fund academic research in the development of promising models of service delivery such as those that leverage technology, non-traditional treatment settings, and professional and paraprofessional treatment providers or others (e.g., teachers, parents, primary care physicians) that help parents access care for their children or that help older youth access care on their own.

They are soliciting applications for academic investigators conducting research to demonstrate the benefits of novel mental health care delivery methods or prevention approaches. We are particularly interested in funding applications that build on promising pilot work and aim to develop larger demonstration projects.

In particular, KTGF is interested in improving access to mental health care for children and adolescents through the use of novel models or promising approaches, including (but not limited to) expanding the number of professional and paraprofessional treatment personnel who are trained to deliver mental health services, delivering care in non-psychiatric settings (e.g., primary care, schools, home, or other novel settings), digital technology (e.g., the internet, apps for cell phones), and approaches that help parents access care for their children. Primary outcomes should include the measurement of improved access and/or reduced time to service delivery. They are also interested in the following secondary outcomes: minimizing the burdens and maladaptive behaviors associated with mental health problems in children; decreasing the development of secondary co-morbid disorders; improving educational, relational and health outcomes; and enhancing youth and family functioning.

ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING LEVELS

- Academic researchers from universities or research institutions that provide mental and behavioral health programs for children and adolescents up to age 18 are eligible. Investigators can be at any stage in their career but must have collected enough pilot data to inform the development of the proposed research project and must be well enough established to lead an effort such as this. For investigators who are relatively early in their career, we recommend partnering with a more senior academic researcher who has expertise in program development and dissemination.
- The foundation expects to make up to two grant awards. Each award will be in the amount of $50,000 per year over a two-year period, for a total of $100,000 per grant. The Foundation recognizes that larger scale program implementation may require additional funding. As such, identifying sources of funding for the full-scale implementation phase of the project should be part of the initial planning project. The KTGF will consider applications to extend the work of the original project after the two-year pilot implementation phase.

GUIDELINES

- The proposal should build upon promising pilot data demonstrating improved access to care and functional outcomes in youth with mental health problems. This might include augmentation and larger-scale implementation of a program initially funded by the KTGF (for example, as one of its Fellowships), or a project not previously funded by KTGF.
- The proposal should clearly outline how the project will use novel approaches to improve access to mental health care for at-risk youth or youth with existing mental health problems. These novel approaches may include the use of non-professionals, health care providers other than mental health clinicians, digital technology (e.g., the internet, apps for cell phones), or other innovative approaches, including those that help parents access care for their children.
- The proposal must demonstrate that the program is easy to use and convenient for children and/or parents accessing mental health care.
- The proposal must demonstrate how the program has potential for scaling (e.g., production of a template which can be applied in real world settings) and sustainability.
- The proposal must include a plan to measure the effectiveness of the proposed project using established methods, and specifically in relation to the primary and secondary outcomes.
- After one year, and at the conclusion of the research project, the awardee will submit a report to the KTGF detailing the activities which have been conducted, recommendations to the field, and next steps required for program implementation and evaluation.
- While the subject matter must address access to child and/or adolescent mental health services, it need not specifically target depression or ADHD.

PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

The program should include the following components in single spaced 12-point font:

- Summary page: One-page description of the nature and scope of the project
- Contact information of Principal Investigator (PI)
- Background information regarding the PI's department/agency (training programs in place, etc.)
- Brief summary in layperson's terms of proposed research
- Detailed description of the proposed research: The research plan must clearly state the objectives of the research, how they will be tested, and address any challenges or potential barriers to program implementation *(Not to exceed 6 pages)*
- Brief bios and letters of support of key personnel
- Indication of the level of institution and faculty support of the project, including letter of support from Department Chair or Division Director
- Subjects recruitment letter
- Timeline for project implementation and completion
- Sources of potential funding for larger scale program implementation
- Itemized budget: Indirect costs may be requested, but the Program limits indirect costs to 10%. Applications which wave the indirect costs will derive financial benefit of the extra funding available and will be given priority review.

TIMELINE

- All submissions are completed online.
- Applications are due on **January 13, 2022, 11:59 pm EST**.
- The Foundation expects to award the grant by April 1, 2022.
- Funding will begin July 1, 2022, after IRB approval has been established and all relevant contracts have been put in place.