

GRANTS PROCESS

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Grant Application Submission

All research grant applications must be submitted within the deadline specified on the official BRACE website. Applicants are advised to regularly check the website for updates and ensure that their submissions meet all requirements before the published deadline. Late submissions will not be considered.

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Internal Check

All grant applications are reviewed based on adherence to the required application format, the eligibility of applicants, and alignment with BRACE's remit

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Triage

All grant applications are initially reviewed by members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), who evaluate each submission with a YES or NO response. Applications receiving more than 50% YES votes typically proceed to the external review stage.

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External Review

Successful applications are forwarded to five external expert reviewers, selected based on recommendations provided by the applicants. If BRACE does not receive at least 2 reviews from these reviewers, BRACE will then seek further reviews from its own external reviewer contacts. Reviewers will be matched on area and expertise.

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SAC Meeting

The SAC operates independently to evaluate each application based solely on scientific merit. While the SAC provides recommendations, it does not participate in the final funding decisions. Typically, at least two external reviews are required before the SAC discusses a proposal and submits its recommendation to the BRACE Board of Trustees.

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Board Meeting

Trustees discuss recommendations from the SAC, reviews from external reviewers, and then taking into account availability of funds, they vote for final funding decision.

Note: Independent Decision-Making in the Grants Process

BRACE staff do not participate in decision-making at any stage of the grants process. All funding decisions are made by the BRACE Board of Trustees. Grant applications undergo rigorous review by external experts, with recommendations provided by an autonomous Scientific Advisory Committee. Final funding decisions are made by the BRACE Board of Trustees, ensuring a transparent and impartial process.