

Busch Biomedical Grants Frequently Asked Questions 2022

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Only full-time members of the Rutgers faculty at the time of application may apply. This designation includes non-tenure-track, tenure-track, and tenured faculty. The following are NOT eligible to apply: coadjutant appointees, teaching and research assistants, post-doctoral fellows, visiting faculty members, and full-time administrators.

2. I recently received a Busch Grant, am I eligible to apply?

No, if you received a Busch Biomedical Grant in the prior five award cycles, you are not eligible to apply.

3. Can I apply to both the Busch Biomedical Grant Program and for another internal grant?

No, individuals who have applied for or received concurrent internal grant funding (e.g., Research Council Grant) for the same project in the past 12 months are ineligible to apply.

4. Can I apply for two Busch Grants with two different projects?

Applicants may only submit one application as the lead PI, even if the projects fall under different funding mechanisms. They may however serve as a collaborator on additional Busch Grants.

5. Can I apply with a co-PI from another university?

Yes, as long as all other eligibility requirements are met. However, funds cannot be used to pay for salary for faculty, staff, or students at another university.

6. What is the maximum award amount?

The maximum that you can request for a Busch Biomedical Grant is \$60,000.

7. Is there any disadvantage to requesting the maximum amount of \$60,000 (provided it's fully justified)?

There is no disadvantage to asking for the maximum amount, however, it's possible that you will be awarded less than the amount that you are requesting. It depends on the amount of funding available and the number of applications that we receive.

8. Can I request to purchase equipment over \$5,000?

No, Busch funds cannot be used to purchase major equipment (items over \$5,000).

9. Can grant funds be used for faculty salary?

No, Busch Biomedical Grants may not be used for summer salary, salary supplement, or to pay any part of the grant recipient's salary.

10. Can I include letters of support with my application?

Letters of support will not be reviewed or accepted. However, we do encourage potential applicants to discuss their proposal with their department before applying. If your application is awarded, you will need to enter your application into RAPSS and receive departmental approval.

11. Is my project appropriate for Busch funding?

Busch grants support basic biomedical research; i.e., research which aims to increase understandings of the underlying mechanisms of living organisms and how they contribute to our knowledge of disease and its effects on physiological and behavioral processes. Projects that are clinical or translational in nature are not eligible for funding through the Busch Program. For further information on basic biomedical sciences, visit the NCBI's [report](#) "Research Training in the Biomedical, Behavioral, and Clinical Research Sciences."

12. Can I change my application after submission?

Once submitted via InfoReady you will be unable to make changes to your application directly. Please contact [Research Development](#) to request assistance with editing your application. Changes will not be accepted after the submission deadline.

13. When will award notifications be sent out?

We expect that award notifications will be e-mailed in September.

14. Do we need to upload the proposal into RAPSS?

Proposals need to be uploaded into RAPSS only after they are awarded.

15. If awarded, when will I have access to the funds?

Access to the funds will not be made available until the new award has been entered into the Research Administration and Proposal Submission System (RAPSS) and all compliance requirements have been met (IRB, IACUC, etc.).