Congratulations on receiving a foundation grant! After getting the award agreement signed and accounting set up, your focus should be on running a successful project, reporting to the sponsor, and planning for the future. Your partners in research administration and Advancement are here to help.

Post-Award Tips & Resources

Look to the Future: Delivering quality results and proactively reporting those are critical steps that will help you build your relationship with the funder. Doing so may lead to renewal funding for the current project. But it also pays to keep in mind that since foundations often plan at least five years out, you may be auditioning to be part of a future funding strategy without even knowing it!

Follow-on Funding: Success with one foundation can lead to success with other funders as well. Reach out to Foundation Relations to see if there are other foundation funders working in the same space that might be worth targeting. Likewise, reach out to the Research Acceleration Office to build a comprehensive grantseeking plan that can help grow your career—this can be especially beneficial for early career researchers.

Stewardship & Reporting: Most foundations will assign awardees a dedicated program officer. Build this relationship throughout your award tenure with proactive communication and by meeting deadlines. When writing reports, trace each goal back to what you said you’d do in your proposal—make it easy for the program officer to show your award was an effective investment. Help program officers be your advocate to the foundation decision makers!

Have More Questions? Reach Out to Foundation Relations!

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