

ABMRF/The Foundation for Alcohol Research

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

ABMRF/The Foundation for Alcohol Research is a nonprofit independent research organization that provides support for scientific studies on the use and prevention of misuse of alcoholic beverages. It is one of the few organizations in the United States and Canada that provides funds for interdisciplinary research in the biological, medical, epidemiological, behavioral and social sciences in this field.

The Foundation was established in 1982 as an independent philanthropic organization dedicated to the development of new knowledge about the biological, behavioral and social aspects of alcohol beverage consumption. Financial support is received primarily from the brewing industries of Canada and the United States.

MISSION

The mission of ABMRF/The Foundation for Alcohol Research is:

- To achieve a better understanding of the effects of alcohol on the health and behavior of individuals;
- To provide the scientific basis for prevention and treatment of alcohol misuse and alcoholism;
- To fund innovative, high quality research;
- To support promising new investigators;
- To communicate information effectively with the research community and other interested parties.

Through its research grant program, the Foundation supports innovative studies conducted by qualified researchers at academic and scientific institutions in Canada and the United States. The Foundation also encourages research by convening and supporting research conferences, symposia, and workshops.

MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Foundation accepts applications for grants to conduct research on important aspects of alcohol consumption and its effects. Overall, the following areas are more directly related to the mission of the Foundation and, therefore, of greater interest:

- Factors influencing transitions in drinking patterns and behavior,
- Effects of moderate use of alcohol on health and well-being,
- Mechanisms underlying the behavioral and biomedical effects of alcohol,
- Biobehavioral/interdisciplinary research on the etiology of alcohol misuse.

The Foundation does not encourage applications on treatment of the complications of advanced alcoholism. However, research involving treatment intended to elucidate the pathogenesis of alcohol related problems will be considered. Non-research activities such as education projects, public awareness efforts and treatment or referral services are not eligible for support.

The Foundation also does not support the training of pre- and post-doctoral fellows, undergraduates, graduate students, medical students, interns or residents. It does not fund thesis or dissertation research.