

SAFE

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Fields

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Fields for Everyone *Grant Request*

Purpose

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Fields for Everyone (SAFE) invites applications to its annual research grant program. To be considered, the proposed research must benefit the sports field management industry in the following area:

Field maintenance or performance as it relates to the safety of the playing surface for athletes (study may be directed towards but is not limited to turfgrass health, uniformity, wear tolerance, hardness, athlete injuries, field temperatures, etc.)

Overview of SAFE

SAFE was created in December of 2000 to provide research, educational programs and scholarships geared to the sports field profession. SAFE is the charitable arm of the only association dedicated to the sports turf industry professional: the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA). SAFE's mission is: *To enrich communities through championing safe, sustainable sports and recreation fields for all athletes.*

For more information about The SAFE Foundation, go to SafeFields.org.

Grant Selection Criteria, Amounts and Timeline

The SAFE Foundation realizes that many grant applications may meet the qualifications listed in the Required Application Information below. Its Board of Directors reserves the right to fund none, one, or more than one grant project annually, based on that year's grant budget and industry needs. Any SAFE Board member who has a relationship with an institution that is requesting funds will recuse himself/herself from that year's grant selection process. Grantees will be required to present their findings following the completion of the project at an STMA Annual Conference and Exhibition and produce an article for an issue of *Sports Turf Magazine*. SAFE and STMA will work with grantee to ensure that any reporting of data in STMA sources does not jeopardize or otherwise interfere with publication in peer-reviewed academic journals. SAFE asks that it is acknowledged as a funding source during presentations or submissions to trade magazine, academic journals or other published outlets.

SAFE is not currently accepting proposals that require multi-year funding. However, being awarded a grant one year does not disqualify your institution from re-applying for a grant in future years. While multiple proposals will be accepted from an institution, only one grant application can be awarded annually to a specific institution.

Grant applications are due November 28, 2019
Grant awardees will be notified by Jan. 6, 2020

Required Application Information

- **Executive Summary**
 - 1-page summary of your research proposal and how it will advance the sports field management industry; include statement of problem and any current knowledge (use citations) and the potential benefits to the industry.
- **Methodology**
 - 1-3 pages maximum to include hypothesis, objectives, scientific methods and deliverables.
- **Budget Summary**
 - 1-page summary of funding requested including supplies, labor, and travel. It is understood that these funds are directed to the Principal Investigator (PI) and that overhead or administrative costs shall be held to an absolute minimum but will not exceed 16 percent of the budget. Matching or partial support from university, local, regional or corporate funding sources is favorably viewed but is not a requirement for consideration. Also include if funding support for this project has been/will be requested from any additional funding sources.



Research Proposal Cover Sheet

Title of Proposal:

Principal Investigator Name:

Institution Name:

Full Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Email:


Project Start Date:

Project End Date:

Total Funding Amount Requested:

Executive Summary (1 pg. maximum, single-spaced, 12 pt. Times-Roman font)

Research Plan Methodology (1-3 pg. maximum, single-spaced, 12 pt. Times-Roman font)



Budget (1 pg. maximum, single-spaced, 12 pt. Times-Roman font)

Understanding and Agreement

As the PI, I understand and agree to abide by The SAFE Foundation's Grant Selection Criteria and Timeline.

""I understand that I am signing this document by typing my name into the signature box.

Signature of PI

Date