

SYNTAX™ Oligo Grant Program

Official Rules and Terms & Conditions

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.

Please read the following rules, terms and conditions (collectively: “terms”) carefully before you submit your grant application. By submitting your application, you, and on behalf of your Organization, agree to these terms. “You” and “your” shall refer to you personally or your Organization, as applicable. “We”, “Us” or “Our” includes DNA Script and/or its officers, employees, directors, agents, and affiliates. If you do not agree to these terms, do not submit an application.

How to Enter

1. Using the application Grant Proposal Form online (www.dnascript.com/grants), describe how would you use custom EDS oligos to accelerate discovery in your research project.
2. Upon submitting the proposal, you will receive a confirmation acknowledgement and an email confirming your submission.
3. One submission per unique email address. If you are considering submitting multiple proposals, use a unique email address for each submission.
4. You, as the grant applicant, must be submitting the entry on behalf of your Organization. The award will go to your Organization, i.e. not to you personally.
5. The Grant Program begins on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time and ends on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time; entries must be submitted during this period to be eligible.

Award Description

1. Six (6) winning proposals will be selected.
2. Each winner will be awarded up to three (3) 96-well plates of EDS oligos, up to 60-mer in length, custom synthesize for your research study
 - a. EDS oligos are granted "as is."
 - b. Each winner will determine the custom sequence design of their oligos and provide it to DNA Script within 30 days of award notification.

Grant Selection Process

1. Submission:
 - a. To have your submission considered, your application and proposal must:
 - i. Be in English.
 - ii. Be an original work.
 - iii. Have scientific merit.
 - b. The Grant Program begins on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time and ends on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time; entries must be submitted during this period to be eligible.
 - c. Submission will be confirmed by DNA Script via email.
2. Evaluation:
 - a. Reviewer evaluation:
 - i. Proposals submitted in compliance with Program rules will be judged by DNA Script's Scientific Collaboration Committee.
 - ii. Six (6) winning proposals will be determined from all qualified applications at the sole and absolute discretion of this Committee.
 - iii. Each proposal is considered based on the relevance of utilizing custom EDS oligos for the stated work that best showcases the power of EDS and how well the work reflects innovation and alignment with DNA Script's strategic areas of focus.
 - iv. The decision of this Committee will be final and binding.
 - b. Evaluation criteria:
 - i. Creativity, novelty, and originality;
 - ii. Methodology adopted for carrying out the project;
 - iii. Practicality of implementation and feasibility of the work plan;
 - iv. Resulting publications and other communications;
 - v. Expected results and its contribution to advancing scientific and technological knowledge;
 - vi. Significance and potential impact of the project on genomic and science; particularly in the fields of Oncology, COVID, Vaccine Development,

Infectious Disease, Inherited Disease, Microbiology, Personal Medicine, Therapeutics, Food Science, and Environment.

- c. Communication:
 - i. Decisions will be communicated 4 weeks after the closing date of the program.
 - ii. All applicants will be notified within 4 weeks after submission deadline if their proposal has been selected for a grant.
 - iii. Award winners will be attempted to be notified by email within approximately five (5) business days after selection, but no later than May 15, 2021.
 - iv. If the selected winner has not responded to email inquiries within five (5) days, the Committee will attempt to contact the winner by telephone.
 - v. If the winner cannot be reached by telephone within two (2) days of first telephone attempt to notify such winner, the award may be forfeited, and an alternate winner may be selected, based on the criteria set forth above, at the Committee's discretion.
- 3. Execution:
 - a. Upon selecting and accepting the award, DNA Script and the award winner will enter in a Material Transfer Agreement. Upon Agreement execution, the award process shall commence.
 - b. The award winner will determine the custom oligos sequence design and provide to DNA Script within 30 days of award notification; award winner agrees to take delivery within at least 45 days of the award.
 - c. Once winning oligos design is confirmed, DNA Script will print the custom oligos between 30 days of receive.
 - d. The award winner agrees to implement the awarded oligos in functional study within 60 days of receipt and share functional performance results with the Committee within 30 days of study completion.
 - e. The Committee will continue to support the development of the awarded project throughout the award process.
 - f. A final report is due to the Committee within the agreed time frame.

Contest Terms & Conditions

1. By submitting your application or accepting the award, you acknowledge and agree to all of the terms and conditions listed in this document.
2. Once submitted, your materials and information cannot be returned.
3. Your application(s) become the property of DNA Script.
4. DNA Script makes no guarantee or warranty with respect to the security or confidentiality of applications or the application process
5. You are consenting and agreeing to DNA Script's collection and use of personally identifying information and other information in accordance with these official rules and [DNA Script's Privacy Policy](#).
6. You agree to obtain all authorizations and permissions from your Organization or others that are required to allow you to make this submission and have your name and Organization name used for all purposes, including marketing, by DNA Script without any compensation and with or without attribution, regardless of whether your entry wins the award. You also agree personally with all the authorizations and permissions required by these terms and conditions.
7. You give permission to DNA Script to contact you, your Collaborators, and your Organization for purposes of marketing its products and services, whether or not you are chosen as the winner.
8. You agree that the use of your submission by DNA Script does not violate any rule, policy, copyright, trademark, patent, or procedures of your Organization or that of any other person. You agree that all parts of your submission become the sole property of DNA Script.
9. You acknowledge and agree that any submission made hereunder is not being made in exchange for any promise of business to DNA Script.
10. If selected as a winner and by accepting the award, you acknowledge and agree to:
 - a. Be available for reasonable promotional activities at DNA Script's request for a period of up to 2 years following the announcement of the award. Promotional activities may include (but are not limited to): case studies, webinars, website/newsletter story features, in-person seminars, testimonial video, and photoshoots with awards; and use of your Organization names in promotional materials.

- b. You, your collaborators' names, titles, biographical information, images, likenesses, the name of your Organization and general description of the project may, without further compensation, be published on website(s), social media and/or to print, publish, broadcast and use, worldwide and in any media.
11. Government institution employees and DNA Script employees and contractors (and their immediate families), and healthcare professionals are not eligible to participate in this offer
12. The odds of winning this contest depend on the number of eligible entries received. We cannot predict with specificity how many contestants will participate.
13. The award may not be transferred or assigned; no substitutions or cash equivalents are allowed. You may be required to execute and return an affidavit of eligibility/release of liability/publicity release (where legal) within twenty-one (21) days of notification attempt. If you fail to return the affidavit/release by the deadline, that award will be forfeited and an alternate winner may be selected, based on the criteria set forth above, at the Committee' discretion.
14. You understand and agree that no ideas, information, or materials that are submitted to or otherwise provided to the Committee in connection with the Grant Program will be returned, and that the Committee makes no guarantee or warranty with respect to the security or confidentiality thereof.
15. You and/or your Organization are responsible for all of your own costs, and the costs of your employees and agents, and/or expenses relating to the award or the Grant Program, including, without limitation, any tax liability (including any income tax associated with the value of the award), and any costs associated with entering into and participating in this offer.
16. DNA Script reserves the right to discontinue or modify this Grant program at any time for any reason without advance notice, including, without limitation, in the event of any act, occurrence, or reason that we believe would compromise the legality, integrity, administration, or fairness of the Grant Program. In such event, DNA Script will post a notice on our website and inform all already submitted applicants via e-mail. In the event of discontinuance, DNA Script will have no liability to you, your employees, and agents or team members for such cancellation or modification.
17. DNA Script reserves the right to provide a raincheck or substitute a similar award if the award cannot be provided for reasons outside of DNA Script' control.

18. DNA Script may refuse to consider a submission if DNA Script determines in its sole discretion that awarding the applicant would likely result in a violation of an applicable law, rule, or policy, including, but not limited to, if contrary to the law where you reside.
19. IN NO EVENT SHALL DNA SCRIPT, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS, BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES WHATSOEVER ARISING UNDER OR AS A RESULT OF ENTRANCE IN OR PARTICIPATION IN THE OFFER, WHETHER BASED ON WARRANTY, CONTRACT, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY, AND WHETHER OR NOT DNA SCRIPT IS ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. THE FOREGOING LIMITATION OF LIABILITY SHALL APPLY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.
20. DNA SCRIPT'S TOTAL AND CUMULATIVE LIABILITY ARISING UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER SHALL IN NO EVENT EXCEED THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE AWARD ELIGIBLE UNDER THE OFFER.
21. This Grant Program is subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and is void where prohibited or where registration, bonding, or language translation is required.
22. Any and all actions, claims, disputes, or controversies relating to this offer shall be governed by the laws where DNA Script SAS is registered in the United States and EU, without regard to its conflict-of-laws principles. By using this site and submitting your application, you expressly consent to the exclusive forum, jurisdiction, and venue in such actions, claims, disputes, or controversies.

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