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## IBLCE Research Committee Small Grants Programme

Question	Response
1. Is Research Grant Programme open to Italian IBCLC projects?	<p>There will be no restrictions based on country of origin. Research is to be conducted and published in English.</p> <p>Additionally, the focus of the project should specifically investigate the various values of being an IBCLC, and/or the value/impact of employing IBCLCs.</p>
2. May I consult with academic scholars to support the production, analysis, and publication of this project?	<p>The focus of this Small Grant Programme is specifically on the IBCLC credential.</p> <p>Any and all involved in this research project must be identified and approved by IBLCE, to be considered “researchers”, before they contribute to the project, in part or in whole. All researchers involved in this project must complete a Conflict-of-Interest form and WHO Code Declaration form.</p>
3. I’ve started to write my Master thesis/Doctoral Dissertation; can I participate in this programme?	<p>IBLCE will provide funding for future projects, not completed research.</p> <p>Additionally, IBLCE is the sole owner of the data and research, in part or in whole.</p>
4. Can the budget be used in part as salary compensation for the PI or research assistants?	<p>Use of funds, with an itemized breakdown, must be included in the research project proposal.</p> <p>Additionally, you are also confirming that you are not affiliated with or receiving funding from third-party collaborators or companies.</p>
5. Does acceptance of funds require	<p>There are no requirements related to a percentage of</p>



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<p>dedication of a certain time percentage from the PI?</p>	<p>time from the PI. However, the research team must have a clearly explained methodology, including timelines, and a track record of meeting deadlines and establishing realistic milestones, outputs and outcomes.</p>
<p>6. Is there a programme officer I can contact to discuss the appropriateness of our study for the IBCLC grant?</p>	<p>This round of funding intends to support future projects (not completed research) that investigate the value of the IBCLC, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The value of the IBCLC to individuals</li> <li>• The value of the IBCLC to the profession</li> <li>• The value and recognition from an employer perspective</li> <li>• Employment preference</li> <li>• Factors in pursuing IBCLC certification and recertification</li> </ul>
<p>7. Please let me know if any word limits exist in each paragraph requested to be filled in the application form</p>	<p>IBLCE requests that you limit your long-response boxes to no more than 5,000 characters.</p>
<p>8. Are for-profit organisation eligible to apply?</p>	<p>For-profit organisations may apply if they comply with the Declaration of Compliance with the WHO Code and IBLCE Standards form and complete the appropriate Conflict of Interests form.</p>
<p>9. Is the maximum budget of \$60,000 (12-18 months) inclusive of indirect costs?</p>	<p>The maximum budget for this round of funding is US\$60,000 for a period of performance of up to 18 months. This is inclusive of all anticipated project costs and should be included in a clearly defined project budget.</p>
<p>10. Do I have to be affiliated with an educational institution to apply for this grant?</p>	<p>You do not have to be affiliated with an educational institution to apply for this grant. May be a part of another institution which may be privy to an that institutions ethics review board. Their ethics review board process should be followed. If you are looking to apply for this grant you must seek approval from an appropriate and recognised ethics</p>



	<p>review/approval board.</p> <p>IBLCE will take into account your experience and track record when reviewing applications.</p>
<p>11. And will there be a similar grant call next year?</p>	<p>IBLCE will provide updates on future funding opportunities using this website and through the IBLCE Briefing.</p>
<p>12. Is the 60,000 USD amount per project or overall. In other words, should I create a budget that would not exceed this amount?</p> <p>Would it be okay to request 40,000, 20,000 or 5,000 USD, if that is all I need?</p>	<p>IBLCE will provide up to US\$60,000 for the programme. You may request, with an itemized budget, any amount of funding up to that limit.</p> <p>Once the original budget has been approved and agreed, there would be no further funding of the approved project.</p>
<p>13. Could you please provide me with specific examples of what the budget can include? For instance, may I include rent for an office, technological equipment, and office supplies? May I pay the team and myself for work on this project?</p>	<p>The US\$60,000 grant can be used for any costs associated solely with the Research grants programme. You may include reasonable, relevant and necessary costs for any associated expenditure. Funds identified are realistic, relevant, appropriate, and ‘value for money’. For example, if the rented space is being used solely for the use on this project it may be included.</p>
<p>14. When do you anticipate sending out decisions regarding funding?</p>	<p>IBLCE will begin reviewing applications in May 2024 with expectation of sending out decisions by September/October 2024.</p>
<p>15. Will IBLCE fund projects that focus on a specific city or is it preferred that projects have a broader focus at the or wider, such as country or region?</p>	<p>IBLCE is an international organisation and will give preference for studies that are representative of our stakeholders and support the mission and vision of the organisation.</p> <p>IBLCE is specifically interested in funding research that investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The value of the IBCLC to individuals</li> <li>• The value of the IBCLC to the profession</li> <li>• The value and recognition from an employer perspective</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employment preference</li><li>• Factors in pursuing IBCLC certification and recertification</li></ul> <p>The applicant must have the ability to translate and disseminate research in English.</p>
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