



FAQ for 2026 Longer Life Foundation (LLF) Call for Applications:

Pre-Award

I do not currently hold a faculty appointment. Am I eligible to apply?

All recipients must have a faculty appointment in place by the award date of October 1, 2026. Please note that these awards do not extend to post-doctoral fellows. If you do not currently hold a faculty position at the time of your application, but anticipate doing so by the deadline, you must include a letter with your application from your department chair or division chief confirming this.

Are faculty from the School of Public Health eligible?

Yes, you are eligible to apply if you have a faculty appointment at either the School of Public Health and/or School of Medicine. A joint appointment with the School of Medicine is not necessary to be eligible.

Do I need to submit a Letter of Intent prior to submitting a full application?

Yes, a letter of intent is required in order to be considered for a full application. Letters of intent are reviewed by the LLF Scientific Review Committee. All applicants will then be notified as to whether they may submit a full application to the LLF.

What are the due dates for the LLF application process?

- February 16, 2026, 11:59pm CST: Letters of Intent (LOIs) due
- May 20, 2026: Approval notification to submit formal applications
- June 29, 2026, 11:59pm CST: Applications due
- September 18, 2026: Notification of grants
- October 1, 2026: Funding begins

Should I include indirect costs in the application budget?

It is not necessary to include indirect costs in the pre-award application. The LLF currently covers indirect costs at a rate of 20%. However, if awarded, your research administrator will need to include this amount in the RMS document.

I am using the NIH application forms (optional, but encouraged), do I need to include a signature on the application form?



No, an “Official signature from applicant organization” is not needed at the time of the application submission, but one will be required if awarded.

Post-Award

Does my research administrator need to submit an RMS doc?

Yes, the RMS document should be in “Submitted to Sponsor” status once you have been notified of the award.

I have been awarded an LLF P&F grant, but my invoices are not being approved (paid) (e.g., animal invoices, etc.) even though I submitted an approved IACUC. What should I do?

You must contact SPA to open the appropriate spend category. To do so, they will need an approved IRB and/or IACUC approval. SPA requires the following to be added to your P&F IRB and/or IACUC approvals:

- Longer Life Foundation - An RGA Foundation/WashU Medicine Collaboration
 - Developmental Research Award
 - Grant number (refer to your award letter)
 - Study title

Funds will not be distributed to awardees without this information.

I have been awarded an LLF P&F grant and cannot complete the project with the first-year award funds. Can I apply for a second year for the same project?

No, LLF P&F awards are for one year only.

I was awarded an LLF P&F grant but cannot complete the project in the first-year timeframe and will have money remaining at the award’s conclusion. Can I request a no-cost extension for this project?

No, cost extensions are not automatic and require prior approval from the agency. They are typically granted for extenuating circumstances only. Grantees requesting a no-cost extension must submit a brief progress report and justification for the extension. These documents should be formatted using Microsoft Word and submitted to kmuehlha@wustl.edu by August 31, 2026.

How do I acknowledge support from the LLF?

All published peer-reviewed research papers should acknowledge support from the “Longer Life Foundation: An RGA Foundation/WashU Medicine Collaboration.”

In addition, the LLF would like to hear about your progress. Please keep us informed of any publications, grants, and/or awards that you receive. Provide this information to kmuehlha@wustl.edu, who will forward it for potential social media coverage by WashU and the LLF.

