



**FORGING INDUSTRY EDUCATIONAL
& RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

Stage Gate* Grant Application

Project Title _____

Date submitted _____

Organization/Initiative _____

Federal ID # _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Lead Investigator _____

Student Name, Year & Major, email address (please list all)

Industry Representative/Advocate _____

Project Champion(s) _____

Industry Partner(s) _____

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Requests for Funding

To apply for a grant from Forging Industry Educational & Research Foundation, send your completed grant proposal form to:

Executive Director
Forging Industry Educational & Research Foundation
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Cleveland, OH 44114
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216.781.6260

Project Executive Summary

Brief project objective: _____

Total funding being requested of FIERF over what time period:

Other funding (cash or in-kind) sources and amounts:

Start date: _____

End date: _____

For each stage gate of the project, please list:

- a) Month/year of project review; and
- b) Metrics to be met to advance to next phase

Your grant request must include all of the following information:

1. Please state your organization's mission.
2. Describe the objective of the proposed project.
3. List the deliverables of the proposed project and how these relate to the Forging Industry Technology Roadmap. How will this research benefit the forging industry?

Terms and Conditions

Awards

Please refer to FIERF Policies & Procedures for Funding Grants (revised 2016)

Education grants may not be used to purchase equipment.

Up to ten percent (10%) of the total direct cost may be allocated for administrative expenses in lieu of indirect costs.

Grants will normally be made to organizations and not to individuals. All printed materials produced as part of the proposal or project will acknowledge FIERF by including the statement "Funding in whole or in part by the Forging Industry Educational & Research Foundation".

Awards will be rated within the following categories including weighing factors:

Addresses Needs of the Industry	Educational Value	Industry Partners and Students Identified	Clearly Defined Metrics & Deliverables	Clear Stage Gate Task Plan	Complexity/Achievable within Timeframe
5	5	3	3	2	2

Payment

The Foundation operates on a reimbursement basis. Upon approval of the grant, the Foundation will encumber sufficient funds to cover the funding request. Reimbursement of the actual costs and disbursements as originally agreed upon in the grant award and budget schedule will be made to the grantee organization on a quarterly basis. Projects over one year in length are required to build in stage gates – points at which the project will be reviewed by the Industry Interface Team. Successful completion of tasks and metrics in each phase are required to release funding for the next project phase.

Requests for reimbursement must include:

- ◆ A progress or the final report
- ◆ An invoice with 1) actual expenses, 2) matching funds, 3) payment request, 4) grant balance.

Progress Reports

A progress report of grant activities, implementation and results must be submitted to the Foundation along with the request for a progress payment. The report must document the grant activities and accomplishments related to the reimbursement request. The report must comply with any special requirements included in the award document.

Final Report

The final report of grant activities, implementation and results must be submitted to the Foundation in order to be eligible for the final payment. The report is due by the date specified in the proposal or 3 months after the completion of the project. The report must document the results of the grant activities as related to the goals and objectives outlined in the proposal. A copy of the materials developed as a result of the grant must be included in the final report.