

2014 GRANT GUIDELINES

PROCEDURES AND APPLICATION



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Grantseekers

MetaIntegral Foundation envisions a global civilization that is wise, compassionate, and thriving. We invest in the transformational leaders and organizations working to create this civilization—those who sense the urgency and opportunity of our historic moment and seize it, with a pioneering spirit. Our grantmaking is strategic and aligns with our organizational mission:

To foster the emergence of integral philosophy and culture on a global scale.

Since integral philosophy is a global perspective that is inclusive and expansive, we welcome inquiries for funding in a wide range of focus areas. These areas include but are not limited to: Art & Media, Business, Ecology, Education, Health & Medicine, Psychotherapy, Research, and Sustainability.

The transformational intent of a project and our assessment of the project's likelihood to produce real-world transformation are more important than its focus area. Our assessment covers all phases of the project, from design and execution to evaluation of impact. We also look at the values, policies, leadership, and capacities of the nonprofit organization attached to the project to determine its potential to generate positive and transformative change.

We encourage you to learn about our integral view of transformation, which guides our priorities and strategies as grantmakers.

Our Point of View

Integral is a world philosophy and comprehensive map of reality. The integral worldview is evolutionary and reveals both the possibility and the path of transformation—in both the outer world of behavioral and institutional action and the inner world of consciousness and culture. We give special consideration to projects that are informed by these four dimensions of change: subjective (e.g., psychology), objective (e.g., behavior), intersubjective (e.g., culture), and interobjective (e.g., systems).

Integral schools of thought give humankind new meaning and direction for the 21st century. They serve as roadmaps, helping us to resolve conflict and navigate the difficult terrain of human affairs with elegance and effectiveness. We are especially interested in projects that put integral principles to use to transform conflict into opportunities for collaboration.

Importantly, as a map of human potential integral activates development of our inner life and issues a clarion call for leaders to source their action in wisdom and compassion. People development is the common denominator behind the diverse philanthropic work of MetaIntegral Foundation, so we invite grant proposals from leaders willing and wanting to transform themselves.

Our complex global challenges demand nothing less of our leaders, and more solidarity from all of us. The isolated interventions of individual organizations, communities, and nations are insufficient to tackle our global problems and produce the large-scale social change we need. We are tasked to work together and integral provides a way. As a metatheory of change and an interdisciplinary framework, integral is ideal for working with humanity's diverse needs and perspectives—across boundaries of culture, branches of knowledge, and sectors of society. We are always on the lookout for grant proposals that harness integral frameworks to coordinate action and achieve collective impact.

At MetaIntegral Foundation we believe we have a unique point of view and an important role to play in our emerging global community. Whether making grants, developing leaders, or educating the public, we do so with integral consciousness in our heart and integral approaches in hand. We are privileged to support grantees that share our desire to sustain nature, enrich culture, improve lives, and experience the joy of a world where all beings thrive.

Our 2014 Grants

Who Should Apply?

There are few restrictions on who can receive a grant as long as the monies are used for charitable/philanthropic purposes. Projects can be of any size or focus. Funds can be used to start a project, support a project currently in process, or complete a project. The only requirements are that projects must apply integral principles, methods and/or strategies in their design and/or execution, and the impact of awarded funds must be assessed from an integral point of view. Preference will be given to projects that occur and allow for evaluation of impact within the calendar year 2014.

How to Evaluate Integral Impact?

There are many ways to evaluate the integral impact of awarded funds, such as: using mixed methods (i.e., combining qualitative and quantitative forms of assessment), using established or innovative soft and hard indicators, or using integral research (i.e., first-, second, and third-person perspectives). There are also creative and simple ways to evaluate the integral impact of a project (or some aspect of a project) without having to spend a lot of time or money on it. We want applicants to be creative, bold, and thoughtful in how they approach this requirement of the grant. There are many articles and books that provide good examples of how you can evaluate integral impact. For example, Gail Hochachka's *Developing Sustainability, Developing the Self: An Integral Approach to International & Community Development* (available [here](#)) is a fabulous resource, as are many articles in the *Journal of Integral Theory and Practice*—particularly the special issues on Integral Research ([Vol. 3, No. 1](#); [Vol. 3, No. 2](#); [Vol. 5, No. 2](#)).

How to Apply?

Please complete the Grant Application on the following page and submit your application materials by January 20, 2014, to Jordan Luftig at JordanLuftig@metaintegral.org.

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Cover Letter

Include a basic one-page cover letter that states the amount requested and provides a highly abbreviated description of the project.

Part I: Proposal Narrative

Submit a proposal narrative, **not exceeding 2 pages or 1,000 words**, with 1-inch margins, at least 10-point Times font, and single line spacing. The narrative should focus on the grant request and should include the following (if applicable):

- Amount requested: between \$5K and \$10K USD and proposed use of such funds.
- Targeted population and geographic area to be served by this project/program.
- Integral methods you plan to use in the project's design and/or execution.
- Desired outcomes and plans for achieving them.
- Integral methods and/or strategies you plan to use to evaluate the project's impact.
- Other sources of support committed thus far.
- Projected timeline for use of funds. *Provide project start and end dates (if applicable).*
- Any other relevant details necessary for a full understanding of your project.

Part II: Proposal Attachments

Attach copies of the following (those which apply to your request):

- Total project budget including a section for use of grant funds if different than total project.
- Most recent financial statement (*audited if available*).
- A current organization operating budget with revenue and expenses.
- Documentation of charitable/philanthropic purposes
 - For U.S.-based organizations, provide a current 501(c)(3) IRS determination letter.
 - For organizations outside of the United States, provide documentation that your organization is equivalent to a U.S. public charity. (If you are not able to do this, contact us about meeting this requirement through our "expenditure responsibility" option.)
 - For individuals, provide a resume or CV with personal data, educational background, and occupational experience, and be sure to list/describe any honors, publications, projects or other items that document charitable/philanthropic purposes.
- If the organization has a fiscal agent attach a copy of the letter of agreement between the organization and the fiscal agent and the fiscal agent's Current/Final 501(c)(3) IRS determination letter.
- Organization information: summarize your organization's history; state the organization's mission and goals; outline current programs and activities; highlight organizational accomplishments.
- List of Board Members including their employment and/or community affiliations.
- Letters of agreement if collaborating with another organization.