

# FAQs



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This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section is designed to address the most common inquiries regarding the research grant application and administration process. While every effort has been made to be comprehensive, this page is not exhaustive. For questions not covered herein, please direct your official inquiry to Harriet Watkins at [harriet.watkins@iconnect-na.com](mailto:harriet.watkins@iconnect-na.com) for assistance.

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Can I use the funds from this grant with another grant funded research project I am already working on?

- No. There must not be any comingling of funds. The principal investigator may not use this grant in conjunction with other grants or funds received.

Since the grant awards will range between \$5K to \$10K, usually IDC will not be included. Is IDC allowable?

- No. The Instructional Connections research grant does not allow for indirect costs because the research grant range is small between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and are short term in nature.

Our faculty member requested a laptop for the project. Does IC retain ownership of equipment purchased with grant funds? The university typically retains items purchased from grant funds and these items are on the university inventory list.

- No. The principal investigator/institution can retain ownership of the equipment. We have no wish to retain any equipment purchased with grant funds.

On the grant award acceptance form it has the project's start date and end date. As well as a statement that says 'All funds will be unencumbered or expended on or before a specific date? Does this mean that we are required to expended and process all funds by this date and that the project end date should reflect that date instead?

- Generally, we expect that within 6-8 months most of the funds would be expended and the researcher will be working on the results. The date can and will be extended if for instance, funds will be used to assist with the data analysis and writing the results. No project is to exceed 12 months.

If the principal investigator notifies us of the need to extend the date for their use of funds, we will work with them. The entire project with results written should be completed by the date posted. So, the project end date remains as stated on the document.

Would this be considered a cost-reimbursable grant (unused funds must be returned to the Sponsor) or a Firm-Fixed Price grant?

- This is a firm fixed price grant. Our expectation that all costs as outlined in the proposal application we received should be expended during the research timeframe. We will send the check for the full amount requested on the grant application as soon as we receive all signed documentation. Please see our budget policy document.