



## REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

The Laura and John Arnold Foundation's (LJAF) core objective is to address our nation's most pressing and persistent challenges using evidence-based, multi-disciplinary approaches. LJAF is seeking Letters of Interest from organizations and scholars with innovative ideas for how to improve the state of mental health research, including clinical psychology and psychiatry research.

### **Background information**

For many years, practitioners have sought to make clinical psychology [more evidence-based](#) and to ensure that treatments are designed using rigorous research. Currently, most clinical psychology trials are [not registered](#), despite the fact that registration is a legal requirement for drugs and devices that are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. Some psychiatric studies are irreproducible, as shown by several re-analyses of prominent anti-depressant studies.

LJAF is requesting Letters of Interest from organizations with new ideas, tactics, and techniques for addressing systemic problems within clinical psychology and psychiatry. We are particularly interested in strategies for incentivizing the registration of trials and the full reporting of results through [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://ClinicalTrials.gov), encouraging greater sharing of data and code, and eliciting the disclosure of information about trials that is normally hidden (*e.g.*, protocols and clinical study reports). In addition, we are interested in promoting the use of randomized controlled trials as a method of independently evaluating clinical psychology interventions and programs.

### **Selection criteria**

Letters of Interest should address the following criteria:

- Identify a specific problem and a targeted solution that is effective and scalable
- Briefly review previous efforts and describe how the new proposal will add to existing knowledge
- Explain potential risks and how they will be mitigated.

### **Submission guidelines**

Letters of Interest should meet the following guidelines:

- Address each of the selection criteria in no more than **three** single-spaced pages of narrative, not including a C.V. (if desired)
- Specify the proposed recipient of the grant award, which LJAF generally expects to be a tax-exempt organization (*e.g.*, public charity or governmental unit)

- Specify the amount of funding required to conduct the proposed initiative. Budget may be included in spreadsheet format.

Letters of Interest should be submitted by Dec. 15, 2016, to [ResearchIntegrityLOI@arnoldfoundation.org](mailto:ResearchIntegrityLOI@arnoldfoundation.org). Please include the subject of the Letter of Interest within the subject line of the email. If LJAF determines that your Letter of Interest meets the criteria outlined above, you will be asked to submit a full proposal.

### **Additional information**

LJAF grant funds may only be used for charitable, educational, and/or scientific purposes. LJAF does not fund efforts to influence legislation, to intervene in political elections or campaigns, to promote propaganda, or to conduct voter registration drives. LJAF does not make grants or loans to individuals and does not directly fund scholarships, fellowships, or prizes.