



**Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics
Challenge Grant
Frequently Asked Questions**

Application Process

1. What is the purpose of the Knight Commission’s Challenge Grant?

The purpose of the Knight Commission’s Challenge Grant is to further research in the areas of Black athlete experience and/or Black athlete advocacy. The multi-year grant is designed to build upon and advance the efforts in the Commission’s “Achieving Racial Equity in College Sports” report.

2. Are research topics limited to the Black athlete experience and/or Black athlete advocacy?

Yes. Projects exploring areas outside of the Black college athlete experience and/or Black college athlete advocacy will not receive funding through the grant process.

3. When will the Challenge Grant application open?

The KCIA Challenge Grant application opens on August 26, 2021.

4. When is the deadline to submit a proposal?

The proposal deadline is October 22, 2021

5. Who is eligible to apply for the Challenge Grant?

The grant is open to any researcher exploring the Black college athlete experience and/or Black college athlete advocacy. The Principal Investigator must evidence partnership with a collegiate athletics department, conference, or collegiate athletic national governing body.

6. Do researchers have to partner with an athletics department as a component of the application process?

Yes. All projects must evidence a partnership with a collegiate athletics department, conference, or collegiate athletic national governing body.

7. Are researchers limited to partnering with only one athletics department?

No. Researchers can work with more than one athletics department, conference, or collegiate athletic national governing body.

8. How many Challenge Grants will be awarded?

There is not a specific limit on the number of grants that will be awarded.

9. When will funds be distributed?

The first round of funds will be distributed on December 1, 2021.

10. Where can I submit my proposal?

Proposals must be emailed to applications@knightcommission.org

11. What must be included in application?

Proposals must include the following information and should not exceed 3,000 words (not including citations):

- **Cover Page.** A cover page outlining the title of the proposal, name of the partnering athletics program and corresponding information for the Principal Investigator (name, title, address, email, phone number).
- **Problem statement.** Clearly identify the issue(s) the research is seeking to address and how it aligns with the areas of Black athlete experience and/or Black athlete advocacy.
- **Project description.** The proposal should clearly outline all elements of the research project and include previous research substantiating the theoretical and methodological approaches.
- **Budget.** A detailed project budget outlining use of funds and a rationale for each item needed. Funds may be used for salary support, data collection, equipment and similar expenses. Indirect costs will not be covered.
- **Timeline.** Please include a timeline for all aspects of the proposal.
- **Letter of Support.** Please include a letter of support from the partnering collegiate athletics department, conference, or collegiate athletic national governing body.

12. Can a researcher submit more than one proposal?

Yes, a researcher may submit multiple proposals but may not appear on more than three proposals.