

1. If the Grant applicant is not an IABPA full member:
  - A. the applicant shall apply for membership at the appropriate level within the organization
  - B. the applicant shall provide a CV with the grant application
  - C. be sponsored and mentored by an IABPA full member in good standing which should be noted with the application by way of a separate letter accompanying the application from the sponsor/mentor indicating that they are providing the necessary research support and the extent of that support (e.g. lab space, experimental design, presentation and publication reviews)
2. If the Grant applicant is an IABPA member in good standing this information, including the membership level, should be included in a cover letter with the Grant application.
3. The Grant application shall be sent to the current chair of the Rahn Grant Committee and copied to the IABPA secretary/treasurer.
4. The Grant application shall include:
  - A. An introduction to the research project being investigated and why results from this study are relevant and useful to the bloodstain pattern community. State what needs to be investigated and why.
  - B. A review or bibliography of the literature relevant to the proposed study. Demonstrate your knowledge of what has been done on the topic and how your proposed research fits into and advances the ongoing investigation of this topic.
  - C. An outline of the experimental design (methodologies and materials) sufficient for the Rahn Grant committee reviewers to determine if this is a sound experimental design that can be reasonably completed within the granting period.
  - D. A proposed budget of expenses including materials/supplies and travel, that will demonstrate the legitimacy of the funding needs.
  - E. Demonstration that the proposed study and applicant have adequate resources beyond the funds from this grant to perform this research (e.g. lab space, durable goods, expendable supplies, mentorship). This may, in part, be provided by a sponsorship/mentor letter accompanying the application.
5. The Grant application shall be reviewed and rated by at least 3 Rahn Grant Committee members for funding consideration. The general rating is based on a review of the application for scientific merit as follows:
  - A. 10 pts max Is the study addressing an issue relevant to bloodstain patterns and/or interpretation?
  - B. 5 pts max Does the application, any supporting documents accompanying the application, and literature review demonstrate that the applicant has sufficient background knowledge to engage in this study?
  - C. 10 pts max Is the methodology scientifically reasonable and sound?
  - D. 5 pts max Are the proposed expenses legitimate for supplies and results presentation?
  - E. 10 pts max Is there sufficient support (e.g. mentorship, facilities, etc.) other than the funds from this grant, and reasonable time for the applicant to conclude the study successfully? to engage in this study?
6. The decision to fund the Grant on scientific merit rests with the decision of the Rahn Grant committee members and their review of applications.
7. Only one Grant will be awarded per year.
8. If there are multiple applications received for one funding year, then it is intended that preference will be given to applicants that have not previously been awarded funding through this grant, and provided that the proposed study is otherwise scientifically acceptable and/or rated by the committee reviewers for funding.
9. The applicant must agree and commit to the additional provisos for allocation of funds, accounting for the funds used, excess funds returned, excess expense not covered, progress reporting, presentation and publication as specified on the accompanying Rahn Grant Terms and Conditions document. The awardee of the Grant will be asked to make this commitment in writing prior to the transfer of funds.