**Competition Description**

The Dr. Benjamin Goldberg Research Grant is meant to facilitate research specific to **Intellectual Disabilities** (as defined by DSM 5). Proposals may involve investigations of causes, diagnosis, and/or treatment of Intellectual Disabilities. Proposals may also involve conditions that are comorbid with Intellectual Disability (such as Autism Spectrum Disorder or Epilepsy), but the project must ultimately be directly about Intellectual Disability. That is, a proposal about Autism Spectrum Disorder will only be accepted if it is about Autism Spectrum Disorder in people with Intellectual Disability. Relevance statements (see Project Summary Sheet part b below) and project descriptions **must** clearly outline how the proposed research relates to this population. Relevance to the field of Intellectual Disabilities is one of the most important criteria in reviewing proposals. The review committee looks to applicants to help us understand why their particular project warrants support when resources are limited. Although the relevance may seem obvious to the applicant, the review committee still looks for an explicit statement about relevance – it is up to the candidate to convince the reviewers of relevance.

**How to apply**

A complete application consists of the following:

**1. Facesheet**

All text boxes should be competed.

**2. Project summary sheet**

a) Project Summary

Please outline your proposal, stating the objective of the project, and the methods you plan to use.

b) Relevance Statement

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**3. Project description**

The project description should outline the goals of the research to be accomplished during the award period. It should be sufficient to give a clear idea of the central hypothesis of the work, and the fundamental methodologies to be employed. Although detailed description of methodology is not expected, the applicant must provide enough detail for the application to receive an informed review. The emphasis should be on the general objectives of the work, where the work fits into contemporary developments in its field, and what the “payoff” will be.

Please limit the project description to 1000 words. You may append additional 1 additional page for references.

**4. Budget**

**5. Statement by Applicant**

A letter describing the applicant’s current or recently completed research training and future career plans. The applicant should explain the unique contribution that receipt of this award will make to his or her research activities.

**6. Applicant’s biographical sketch**

The applicant’s brief self-sketch using the NIH format (not more than 750 words)

**7. Supervisor’s biographical sketch**

The supervisor’s brief bio-sketch using the NIH format (not more than 750 words).

**8. Submit proposals via electronic submission form at:** [**https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/ddp/research/research\_grants.html**](https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/ddp/research/research_grants.html)

**EACH STUDENT WILL ONLY BE FUNDED ONCE**

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