ASL Research and Resource Fund
Application Guidelines

Purpose:

To encourage and support ASL research and/or resource development in the field of ASL-English bilingualism or biculturalism for Deaf children and adults in family, educational, and community environments.

> **1) Research**
> To increase and/or expand knowledge and understanding of a contemporary key theme/trend/issue related to the education of Deaf children in Canada.
>
> **2) Resource Development**
> For design and development of innovative resources that promote and support ASL acquisition and learning.

Application Requirements:

1. The research or resource development project will be led and conducted by Deaf & Hard of Hearing Canadians with a Masters or Doctoral degree and proven professional credentials.
   a. Background information (tell us about yourself and/or your team).
   b. How and why is this idea established? What inspires you?
2. The application will demonstrate how the research and/or resource development project and its objectives meets the Fund's purpose.
3. The application will include evidence-based work(s) to demonstrate **the need for the proposed research and/or resource development project** and ensure that the proposed objective has not been previously researched or replicated.
4. The application must demonstrate the potential **viability and impact** of the research or resource development project from which others may expand upon and apply knowledge from new findings, insights, or principles that the project may make possible.
5. The application will provide **a clear plan of action** on how the Fund will contribute to the research and/or resource development project.
6. The application will describe **the key metrics or evaluation criteria** that will be used to measure project success based on the original objectives.
7. The application must outline how final research and/or resource will be shared and/or published with the wider Deaf community in Canada, as well as:

      a. <u>on</u> the Ontario Deaf Foundation's website; and
      b. shared in ASL on social media with credit given to Ontario Deaf Foundation.

8. The application will include **a budget** based on the requested funding amount.

Selection Criteria:

A selection committee consisting of three Deaf educators will review the applications and select the best application based on the following criteria:

• clarity and coherence of the explanation showing how the proposed project's objectives are directly **aligned with the fund's purpose**

• appropriateness of cited evidence-based work(s) supporting **the relevance and/or the need** for the research or resource development

• validity of **the expected contribution, benefits, and social impact** upon Deaf children and their families and/or society, including the Deaf community

• clarity and coherence of the **plan of action** for the research or proposed resource development in a project timeframe

• feasibility of the **key metrics or evaluation criteria** for the research or resource development project

• suitability of plans to **share or publish** research result(s), resource design, product development, implementation and/or evaluation result(s) in Canada

• appropriateness of **the budget** details based on the project's planned stages

Application Process:

• Application and supporting documents submitted via Ontario Deaf Foundation website
• Response confirming receipt of your application within 30 days
• The selection committee will review application(s) and if additional information is required, the applicant(s) will be contacted
• The successful applicant(s) will be notified and <u>provided with with an agreement form</u>

• Upon the completion of 70% of the project, the successful applicant(s) will provide their interim report
• Final report to be submitted to Ontario Deaf Foundation
• Upon the completion of the project, the publication of the project will be shared with the Deaf community in Canada and Ontario Deaf Foundation.

Funding:

This Fund will award a maximum of $10,000.00 grant per application. The grant will be paid in three (3) installments:

1. First 70% upon on the commencement of the research and/or resource development project as per the signed agreement;
2. Upon the receipt of the satisfactory interim report, 20% of the funding will be provided to the applicant(s);
3. Upon receipt of the satisfactory final report, final 10% will be provided to the applicant(s).

Additional Information:

For any questions while preparing your application, please contact Ontario Deaf Foundation at **info@ontariodeaffoundation**.