

The SOFA Atlas Grant is designed to support and promote applied forensic anthropology through original research, purchase of equipment or resources. **Research proposals** shall be awarded up to \$750, and **equipment or resource purchases** are not to exceed \$500. A maximum of \$1500 will be awarded annually, in any combination of the above. Proposal review and grant awards will be completed by the SOFA Board of Directors. The SOFA Board of Directors (BOD) releases the annual solicitation to its members. Awards will be announced at the SOFA General Membership meeting held at the annual meeting of the AAFS. Awardees need not be present to receive awarded funding.

**Eligibility:** SOFA member in good standing. One application per member per year is allowed.

**To Apply:** Completed applications sent to SOFA secretary at: [secretary@sofainc.org](mailto:secretary@sofainc.org)

**Applications must include the following:**

1. Statement of purpose/cover letter
2. Body of Application (choose applicable format)
3. Curriculum Vitae (for all investigators if applying for collaborative Research grant)
4. Statement of financial disclosure for project funding (other funding sources, vendor compensation, etc)
5. Formal letter from appropriate agency head approving research design, human subjects approval, research implementation, and financial need as appropriate. *\*Please verify with your agency eligibility to accept funds.*

1) **Research grant**

Research design (3-5 pages)

- a. Introduction
- b. Materials and Methods
- c. Budget
- d. Timeline, including dates for progress report
- e. References

2) **Equipment or Resources grant**

- a. Items requested with specifications (manufacturer, model number, vendor, cost)
- b. Justification for items

**Expectations:**

1. Application deadline January 12, 2018 – early applications accepted and encouraged.
2. Awards dispersed by April 2, 2018.
3. Research to be completed within 12 months post award. Progress reports are required.
4. Research grant only: Abstract should be submitted to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (poster or presentation) within 2 years of completion.
5. A final report will be provided to the BOD that includes a summary of research (Research grant) or summary of how funds were used (Equipment/Resource) that includes an itemization of all expenditures accompanied by copies of receipts.
6. The primary applicant and awardee must be a SOFA member in good standing.

**Restrictions:**

1. Awarded funds must be used for:
  - a. Supplies
  - b. Reference materials (e.g. casts, books)
  - c. Other approved costs (requires BOD approval)
2. Awarded Funds may not be used for:
  - a. Salary or hourly pay of awardee(s)