



## Research Grant Program: Proposal Guidelines

The John H. Schnatter Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise at the University of Kentucky is requesting proposals for a grant program to support high-quality research central to its mission. The Institute's mission is to generate intellectually rigorous research and an open dialogue to discover and understand how free enterprise affects peoples' lives and the well-being of society.

The Schnatter Institute will award grants between \$5,000 and \$10,000 on a rolling basis. Successful applicants must complete the research project outlined in their proposal within a year of the award. Eligibility requirements are stated below; no affiliation with the Schnatter Institute is necessary to apply. The Institute welcomes applications from all academic disciplines.

### PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The Principal Investigator (PI) is required to have a PhD or comparable professional certification. The scholar must be employed full-time at an academic or research institution.

#### Priority Research Areas

Grant proposals must focus on at least one of the following research areas:

- Healthcare markets
- Financial markets
- Labor markets
- Fiscal policy

Extraordinary proposals that fall under the institute's mission may also be considered.

#### Submission

Submit the following materials to [UKSchnatterInsitute@uky.edu](mailto:UKSchnatterInsitute@uky.edu):

1. Contact information, educational information, and institutional affiliation.
2. Research proposal.
3. Current CV of all authors.
4. Name and contact information for two references.

Required elements of the research proposal include:

1. The project title, researcher(s) name, and institution(s).
2. Grant amount requested.
3. Description of research question, project purpose, methodology, data, and timeline.
4. Primary references.

Proposals should be written for a lay audience (except for the methodology) and not exceed two pages (12-point, Times New Roman font, and 1-inch margins).

## REVIEW PROCESS

Applications will be initially screened for relevance to the priority subject areas and mission, academic qualifications of the PI, and inclusion of all requested materials. Proposals that don't pass the initial screening will be informed in writing. All submissions that pass the initial screening will be reviewed by a panel of independent reviewers who are affiliated with the Schnatter Institute. Care will be taken to only include affiliates on the panel who are impartial to the decision to avoid potential conflicts of interest. Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Relevance to mission and research areas as listed in the Priority Research Areas section.
- How the proposal integrates with other Institute research.
- Research design and methodology.
- Qualifications of the applicant and research setting.
- Cost effectiveness.
- Work plan design and schedule of deliverables.

### Notifications, Terms, and Conditions

Grant recipients will be notified on an ongoing basis. Final projects must be completed within one year of the award. Grant recipients are required to provide quarterly report updates to the director and assistant director. Recipients will be asked to convey their research to the public. In addition, grant winners may also be required to present their findings during the annual Schnatter Institute Research Day.

The award will be provided in two lump sums. The first half of the award will be provided to the PI after the award is granted. The second half will be provided after the final product is handed over to the Institute.

The final product shall contain a statement acknowledging funding from the Institute. Working papers and any other products must be submitted to the Institute to be posted on its website at its discretion. Grantees retain publication rights to their projects for peer-reviewed outlets.

### Disclaimer

Nothing in this announcement obligates the Schnatter Institute or the University of Kentucky to make any awards whatsoever. Awards are contingent upon available funding and research needs. The University of Kentucky is an equal opportunity institution.

## Contact Information

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## *About the John H. Schnatter Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise*

The John H. Schnatter Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise is a research and teaching center in the Gatton College of Business and Economics at the University of Kentucky. Our mission is to generate intellectually rigorous research and an open dialogue to discover and understand how free enterprise affects peoples' lives and the well-being of society.

Free enterprise—as characterized by private ownership, economic freedom, choice, and competition—is one of the most important sources of human prosperity. Additionally, government institutions—for example legal systems, property rights, and civil rights—complement markets in enhancing people's well-being.

The backbone of the Schnatter Institute, our academic research, encompasses the study of markets, market economies, and government intervention, to understand how greater human well-being is achieved with free enterprise and appropriate government institutions. We also engage in open, civil discussions with the university community and the public on the impact of markets and entrepreneurship.

Potential applicants are encouraged to visit the Institute's website at <http://schnatter.uky.edu/> to learn more about our research and activities.

## *About John H. Schnatter*

In 1983, John Schnatter delivered his last college campus pizza, received his business degree from Ball State University, and headed home to Jeffersonville, IN. There, at age 22, he knocked down a broom closet in his father's tavern, installed an oven, and began delivering pizza out of the back of the bar.

From day one, John believed he could make a better traditional pizza by using fresh dough and superior-quality ingredients. His goal: to make the same great-tasting pizza that locally owned shops offered, but didn't deliver. Today, Papa John's boasts more than 5,000 locations in 44 countries and territories around the world.

John believes that if you are curious, innovative, and work hard in America, you can get ahead—especially when you have the right ingredients.