

Enhancing the Registry Profession through NCRA Education Foundation Projects

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The NCRA Education Foundation supports the advancement of the Cancer Registry profession through education and research. To accomplish this, the Foundation identifies and prioritizes projects consistent with our mission and vision.

The types of projects the Foundation considers are those that affect the profession as a whole, having an impact on a national scale. Once an idea for a project has been developed, there is a two-step process for submitting the project request to the Foundation. This process is described in the Foundation document “Process for Considering Project Requests,” available on the NCRA Education Foundation Web site at www.ncraeducationfoundation.org or through a Foundation Board member.

The first step is the completion of the NCRA Foundation Project Abstract. The abstract is submitted to request approval of the initial proposal or idea. It includes five areas used to describe the project:

- Type of project or subject. This describes the issue; background on what is needed and why; and how this project will address it.
- How the project aligns with the Foundation’s mission and vision. This helps the Foundation understand why this is an appropriate project.
- Timing. This outlines the urgency of the need, and an estimate of the time needed to complete the project. It also discusses how long the project will remain relevant and if changing requirements or standards would make this project obsolete if delayed.
- How this project will be accomplished. This section notes whether outside consultants will be needed and/or if volunteers will be utilized.

- Output. This describes the final format of the project, such as a whitepaper, textbook, or other printed matter, or an educational program employing various media types.

If the Foundation Board approves the abstract, they will notify the submitter that they are eligible to proceed to the next step of the project review: completion of the Project Review Criteria form. This second step is a more detailed process that expands upon the information in the abstract.

The project review process enables the Foundation to gather the information we need to seek funding from private foundations not familiar with our profession and the impact that we have on cancer patients and their care.

Financing from private foundations helps us to accomplish projects that we weren’t able to fund in the past—and will provide wonderful opportunities to change our world, enhance the Registry profession, and provide needed assistance to Cancer Registrars on a larger scale. We have an exciting future, one full of ideas and vision for our profession. ●



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