

HGB Foundation: BOLD Women's Leadership Network
BOLD Magic Grant Eligibility and Guidelines
1/21/2021

Description

BOLD Magic Grants are awarded to BOLD Scholars, either as an individual or a group, who have demonstrated leadership and have an idea that could transform their local community. Magic Grants fund transformative projects that are outcome-driven, action-oriented and feasible for completion before the Scholars' graduation date.

Grant Amount

Magic Grants will be awarded on a quarterly basis and can range from 5K to 25K depending on the idea.

Deadlines

March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31

Criteria

1. *Feasibility*

Proposed project is possible with requested funds and timeline projection. Students should use this as an opportunity to practice professional development (i.e. grant writing, business proposal, etc.)

Proven track record of leadership or commitment to a particular interest or theme which moves the needle forward towards a more equitable and just world. The applicant(s) should provide a couple of sentences highlighting examples or intention to....

2. *Social Innovation*

The individual(s) has a bold and innovative approach to tackling a social problem specific to women, children, or historically marginalized groups in their community (i.e. college campus and surrounding communities).

3. *Transformative*

The idea will have a deep and tangible impact on the specific community(ies). The applicant(s) have described what their practical expected outcomes are and how they may relay their impact to others.

Proposals will be assessed against the above criteria and should be about 1 page in length at maximum. Proposals should be reviewed by the BOLD Consultant prior to submission to the Foundation.

A Magic Grant does not:

1. Solely fund academic and/or personal research.
2. Solely fund travel or immersive experiences.
3. Solely fund speakers series or conferences.
4. Provide direct charitable support to other individuals or organizations.

The Foundation understands that academic research and conferences/speaker invitations may be a part of a Magic Grant-funded project. However, proposals that solely focus on research or speaker

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series will not be considered for funding. The Foundation is interested in funding ideas for which there is usually little funding for in an academic setting.

Additional Questions and Answers

1. How does the HGB Foundation define innovative and transformative ideas?

The HGB Foundation defines innovative and transformative ideas as those that proactively seek to solve a social challenge. Innovative and transformative ideas are bold, "outside the box", unconventional, have depth, and are feasible. We are less interested in how wide you cast your net (or solution) and more interested in how deep your impact may be. For example, an applicant may be interested in eliminating gender-based violence but their proposal may focus more specifically on gender-based violence on their college campus and ways they can help alleviate and reduce the number of violent incidents.

2. How often should BOLD Scholars apply for a Magic Grant?

The Foundation expects at least one Magic Grant application per grant cycle. Proposals can come from individual students or groups (either at a single school or as a group project amongst 2+ schools).

3. Who can apply for a BOLD Magic Grant?

Any student(s) who is/are a BOLD scholar at the time of application and who will have sufficient time to complete their project.

4. What is the process for receiving a Magic Grant?

Applicants may decide which deadline they would like to meet.

Application should be reviewed and feedback by BOLD Director and/or Advisory Board before submitting to the Foundation.

Once an application is submitted, Foundation staff will review the applications and provide initial feedback, if any. Applications will then be forwarded to the Board for final decision-making. Applicants will receive a decision within 4 weeks of the deadline chosen.

5. What are the expectations if Scholar(s) receive a Magic Grant?

The project should be completed within the designated timeframe and before a Scholar's graduation date. Project completion and progress updates should be included in the bi-annual reporting to the Foundation. BOLD Scholar(s) are expected to play a significant role in the implementation and delivery of proposed services.

See next page for examples from previous Magic Grantees.

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Examples of projects that would meet the guidelines for a Magic Grant:

- Community garden planning and execution alongside nutrition and health and wellness seminars
- Partnership with local high-school to create mentorship opportunities for BOLD scholars and local teenagers with a focus on college readiness and acceptance
- Partnership with non-profit to create a "career closet" for underprivileged students and folks in the greater college community to access professional work attire for job interviews as well as professional development opportunities
- Campus wide campaign to redistribute unused cafe card "swipes" to other students in need
- Data project and presentation showcasing bystander effect on college campus related to sexual assaults and gender based violence