Research Model: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation

Potential research funders may be identified by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation (Foundation) or Research and International Scientific Affairs (RISA) teams, or funders may approach either team about opportunities. The following identifies the research funding model between the Foundation and RISA for industry and industry foundations.

- Projects which serve a scientific or educational purpose are vetted by both RISA and the Foundation to determine feasibility based on Foundation industry guidelines and scientific review; Foundation manages funder relationship throughout the process.

- RISA provides contact introduction to Foundation team lead (if applicable).

- Proposal, concept brief and budget co-developed by Foundation and RISA.

- Letter of agreement, contract, or grant agreement with funder developed and executed by Foundation.

- Funding secured by Foundation.

- Grant received by Foundation and 15% administrative fee assessed.

- RISA develops project timeline with input from Foundation.

- Foundation, develops and promotes Request for Proposal (RFP) or posts application (if applicable) with input from RISA.

- Foundation selects grant recipient/fellow and executes grant agreement (if applicable) with input from RISA.

- Foundation executes contracts with outside consultants and/or letters of agreement/grant agreements with sub-grantees (if applicable).

- Foundation manages budget and releases dollars as expenses are incurred for project based on budget.

- RISA conducts study or oversees project and sends regular reports to the Foundation to share with funder.

- Foundation manages budget, contracts, invoicing and other administrative tasks and communicates regularly with RISA.

- Foundation and RISA develop and execute communication and outreach plan to disseminate outcomes via manuscripts, conferences, presentations, online/website and other potential opportunities.

The purpose of this research funding model is to increase the firewall between funders and research being conducted by the Academy with the intent to reduce or eliminate any real or perceived influence by funders and to create opportunities mutually beneficial to both teams.