

# CYFS Research Support



NEBRASKA CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON  
CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES & SCHOOLS

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# Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools

Our mission is to impact lives through research that advances learning and development.

And we cannot achieve this mission without collaboration among faculty partners like you.

CYFS is a place where research begins, and has the opportunity to grow. As your interdisciplinary research center, we're here to advance and support your work at all stages — from a seed of an idea to research that changes lives.

Our experienced team provides an array of services that can be tailored to meet your needs. We also help share your research through the right channels and with the right audiences to extend its impact.

Our comprehensive approach allows you to focus on what you do best: conducting high-quality research. [Research that shapes the future.](#)

## Areas of Expertise

Our faculty have expertise to support you in the following areas:

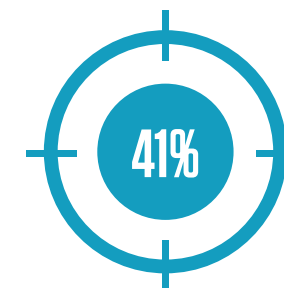
- Early Education & Development
- Research Evaluation & Methods
- Rural Education Research
- Psychosocial Development & Behavioral Health
- Academic Intervention & Learning

For current rates of additional services, please visit: [cyfsgrant.unl.edu](http://cyfsgrant.unl.edu)

## Why CYFS?

### 1. Consistent Track Record

On average, 41 percent of the grants we've submitted have been funded. We understand the importance of your research and have the resources to help you reach your funding goals.



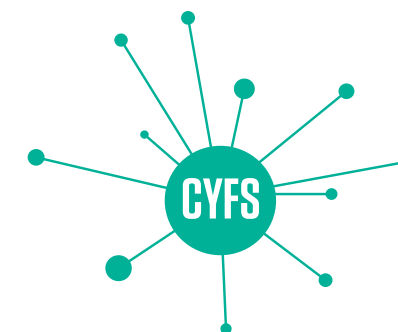
### 2. Experienced Personnel

Our team consists of researchers and staff members who specialize in research support. We are content experts in the social, behavioral and educational sciences, and have the capacity to work with you at all stages of your research.



### 3. Established Networks

We've spent years building a reputation among federal agencies, grant reviewers and scholars as a center that produces high-quality research and has the necessary infrastructure for comprehensive research support.



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# START.

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Getting started can be the hardest part. We help you build a strong foundation to meet your research and funding goals — from generating the initial concept to finalizing a timeline.



## Research Conceptualization

We're here to help you take an initial idea and craft it into a compelling grant proposal. You have the research question — and we have ideas on how to frame it for funding.

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## Funding Identification

We help find requests for applications and funding opportunities from relevant federal, state, foundation and internal sources. Together, we develop a timeline to make sure everything is ready before the submission deadline.

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## Team Development

We help identify potential collaborators, such as co-investigators, key personnel and graduate students. We also coordinate CYFS support services and facilitate university networking to round out your team.

# DEVELOP.

We continue to help you develop and coordinate every aspect of the grant proposal process, tailoring it to meet your individual needs.



## Research Design

Our methodologists are available to collaborate with you on research design and methodology; data collection, management and analysis; planning for intervention fidelity assessment and more.

## Content Review

We're happy to help you edit and improve content and organization. With backgrounds as scientists and grant reviewers, we approach your proposal from both perspectives.

## Budget

Our administrative staff make sure everything is accounted for, from personnel management to database storage. We help you develop and justify your budget while providing related documentation.

# SUBMIT.

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You're almost there. We help you complete the grant proposal process by assisting with final details and submitting a polished package.



## Editing

Lean on us to help you refine and finalize the proposal, from overall content review to line-item edits. Our team also provides suggestions for project aims, methods and other elements.

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## Package Development

We edit CVs, biosketches and references for consistency, making sure they conform to funding agency specifications. We also assist with additional forms and assurances.

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## Package Submission

Our team assists with all aspects of the final grant package, including coordination with the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's Office of Research and Economic Development, to ensure a high-quality proposal that is ready for submission.

# SUCCESS!

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Congratulations — you're funded! We provide post-award support to save you time and other resources, allowing you to focus on your research.



## Personnel & Grant Management

We're here to help you manage any hiring, payroll and purchasing needs. Once employees are hired, we process their expenses, purchases, payments and reimbursements.

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## Budget Management & Reconciliation

Our administrative staff monitor and reconcile budgets to meet post-award requirements and provide regular budget reports.

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## Research Activity Coordination

Leave some of the administrative work to us. We're available to assist with travel arrangements and ordering materials and supplies.

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## Event Support

Our team assists with both internal and public research activities. We schedule meetings and provide basic support for workshops and trainings.

## Additional Support Services

To help take your research to the next level, CYFS offers additional highly specialized post-award services to fit your needs and budget. *For current rates, visit: [cyfsgrant.unl.edu](http://cyfsgrant.unl.edu)*

## Statistics & Research Methodology

Customizable services provided by CYFS' Nebraska Academy for Methodology, Analytics and Psychometrics (MAP Academy) include:

### Instrument Development

- Evaluate psychometric data
- Support best practices in item writing, general design and administration
- Develop qualitative data collection protocols

### Data Management

- Format response sheets for optical machine reader and scan completed forms
- Create Qualtrics surveys

### Dissemination

- Create visual data displays
- Collaborate on manuscript preparation

### Data Analysis

- Perform data analyses including:
  - ◆ Descriptive and inferential
  - ◆ General/Generalized linear modeling
  - ◆ Mixed modeling
  - ◆ Latent variable modeling
  - ◆ Mediation and moderation analysis
- Analyze data from large-scale national and international survey studies
- Conduct qualitative data analysis
- Guide integration procedures for mixed methods studies

For more information, visit: [mapacademy.unl.edu](http://mapacademy.unl.edu)

## Web, Technology & Communications

Customizable services provided by CYFS' Web, Technology and Communications team include:

### Website Design & Development

- Create accessible, mobile-friendly websites for recruitment, dissemination and marketing
- Redesign existing websites to improve user experience
- Create interactive instruction modules

### Database Development

- Develop databases and data collection websites
- Store data in secure server with routine maintenance and backup
- Export data
- Create reports, charts, graphs and PDFs

### Technology Support

- Provide computer, technology and web support
- Assist new users with login, network drives and email information
- Research, purchase and support hardware/software needs

### Video Production & Photography

- Record and edit video
- Disseminate video via web, social media and other platforms
- Provide original photography, edit photos and supply stock photography

### Written Communications

- Write publicity content for articles, press releases and social media
- Write technical content for research recruitment and dissemination
- Write promotional content for multi-channel digital and print advertising

### Visual Communications

- Design posters, brochures, graphics, email marketing and other materials
- Develop logos and brand identity systems
- Create informative and engaging animations

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Are there any costs?

Most of our services are provided free to faculty. There are no fees associated with obtaining pre-award support to develop and submit your grant. Once your grant is funded, you'll have access to our complimentary post-award services to help you execute your research as efficiently as possible.

Additional services, which include database management; statistical analyses; and web, technology and communications support, are also available at an hourly rate. Visit [cyfsgrant.unl.edu](http://cyfsgrant.unl.edu) to learn more about what we offer and see current rates.

*The center receives part of the facilities and administrative fees (F&A) for funded projects. No other fee is applied to grant budgets. We make special arrangements for grants that do not generate F&A.*

### What happens to the F&A generated from grants?

We follow university protocol for F&A fees. They are first distributed across university administrative structures, and remaining funds are distributed to the colleges of the principal investigators and to CYFS.

In the College of Education and Human Sciences, the same percentage of F&A is distributed to departments, regardless of CYFS' involvement. For researchers from other colleges, CYFS has Memoranda of Understanding that define the F&A distribution.

### Will I have access to other campus grant support?

You are eligible to receive support from other campus resources. CYFS has excellent relationships with other research support entities on campus, including the Office of Research and Economic Development and the CEHS business office. We work closely with other departments during proposal development and post-award management to ensure seamless and efficient support.

### Do I need to be a CYFS Faculty Affiliate?

All faculty in the University of Nebraska system are welcome to work with the center. CYFS Faculty Affiliates make up a network of more than 150 faculty who partner with the center in various ways and who make a significant contribution to Nebraska's research in educational, social and behavioral sciences. Faculty Affiliates are integral to the center's vibrant research culture and have opportunities to engage in valuable research exchanges that foster new ideas and spark interdisciplinary collaboration. CYFS is well positioned to leverage faculty members' strengths to help them conduct research at the highest level.

### What services does CYFS offer to students?

We offer graduate students the same pre- and post-award supports that are available to faculty. On occasion, we provide grant-writing seminars to assist graduate students with grant development. Many undergraduate and graduate students are also actively involved in CYFS research programs.

### I'm interested — what's next?

Contact CYFS at [cyfs@unl.edu](mailto:cyfs@unl.edu) or 402-472-1947 to learn more and get started.

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