CrowdStrike Foundation

2019 Grant Program Request for Proposals

The CrowdStrike Foundation is now accepting its first tranche of proposals for its Small Grant Program. We believe that some of the most interesting and impactful cybersecurity projects arise from within student groups, nonprofits, academic centers, and other areas where dedicated people are focused on solving specific problems. Many of these entities can achieve much with a partner and a little outside support. If this applies to your work, we want to hear from you.

Topics and scope

The CrowdStrike Foundation welcomes proposals that will yield demonstrable progress on a complex cybersecurity problem. We are particularly interested in supporting efforts that will yield a tool that:

- Assists malware analysis (can be Hybrid Analysis plugins)
- Assists Machine-Learning based malware classification

The CrowdStrike Foundation encourages proposal submissions from small, innovative entities that have not traditionally received institutional support. The initial grant performance period must be one year or less.

Eligibility and assessment criteria

The Foundation will assess proposals from Grant Applicants based on their individual merit, with particular emphasis on:

- Potential for positive impact for the cybersecurity community
- Project achievability over proposed performance period
- Alignment with Foundation ethos and goals

The Small Grant Program is available for US and foreign tax-exempt entities, including educational institutions, qualified under §501(c)(3) and §509(a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as individuals. Government agencies, for-profit businesses, and private foundations are not eligible for the Program.

Eligible recipients will be chosen without and regard to race, religion, national or ethnic origin, or other illegally discriminatory criteria. Individuals employed by the CrowdStrike Foundation, employed by organizations controlled by a director of the foundation, members of the

foundation's board of directors, or related by blood or marriage to employees or directors of the foundation or organizations controlled by a director of the foundation, are not eligible for grants.

Award details

The CrowdStrike Foundation will review all competitive RFP responses and fund those that most closely align with the Foundation mission. The Foundation tentatively envisions funding 3 proposals in the USD$5,000-$10,000 range, but awards will ultimately be based on the volume and strength of individual proposals. Awards may be renewed upon mutual agreement.

Timeline

- February 28: Small Grant Program RFP released
- April 30: RFP responses due
- May: Interviews, questions, and supporting documentation submissions
- May 31: Grant Recipients will be announced
- September 9: Project presentations by awardees to CrowdStrike Foundation Board

Submission details

There is no specific template, but respondents must include the following information in RFP responses:

- Individual point of contact
- Institutional affiliation
- Proposal summary (1 - 2 paragraphs)
- Proposal detail, including performance timeline
- Links to any supporting documentation
- IRS ruling or determination letter certifying tax exempt status meeting eligibility criteria

Complete RFP responses should not exceed 5 pages. Please send complete packets to info@crowdstrike.org by 11:59pm ET on April 30, 2019.

Questions

Please direct all inquiries here.

Other terms

Grant Applicant acknowledges and agrees that any information provided by Grant Applicant in the grant application shall be provided on a non-confidential basis. Such information may be freely used by the CrowdStrike Foundation in a manner consistent with its charitable purpose.

As a condition of receiving the grant money provided herein, any and all Project Results [intellectual property, know-how, and other applicable information] created by Grant Recipient pursuant to this agreement shall be deemed public information and shall be released to the public absent any overriding mitigating circumstances. If Project Results are embodied in software, all such Project Results shall be released as open source software under the GNU General Public License v. 3 along with any associated know-how or scientific research associated with the software.

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