



Research Grant Program Information Session

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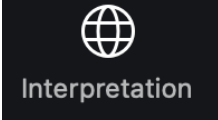
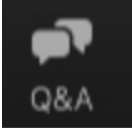
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Agenda

- Introductions
- Research Grant Program Overview
- Program Objectives
- Areas of Focus
- Eligibility & Selection Criteria
- Q&A

Welcome

Housekeeping

- Live interpretation available: → 
• English listener → English channel
• Spanish listener → Spanish channel
• French listener → French channel
- Use the Q&A to write questions → 
- Please use the 'raise hand' feature to speak up and ask questions
- Request you to not speak over another participant
- Recording, deck and other helpful resources will be shared with participants



Introduction



Maiko Nakagaki
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Research Grant Program Objectives

ISOC Foundation's Research Grant Program supports global research collaborations that advance understanding of the Internet and its value for all. The program fosters ideas and innovation that further the long-term goal of a world where people everywhere enjoy affordable, reliable, resilient Internet access and a safe, secure, and trustworthy online experience.

Insights & Innovation

Promote novel methodologies that generate solutions to Internet-related challenges.

Collaboration

Identify and support a diverse and collaborative group of researchers and research institutions.

Outcome-Oriented

Facilitate access to intersectional research that can be applied to decision-making in government and industry.

Open Access

Research seeks to answer a real-world question and should be openly published and made available to the scientific community at no cost



Areas of Focus



Greening the Internet

Enhancing our understanding of the impact of climate change on Internet infrastructure and people, and identifying solutions that improve climate resilience.



Inclusive Internet

Identifying and addressing the various barriers that contribute to the digital divide. Focuses on the structural and systemic barriers that prevent one-third of the world from participating in digital ecosystems.



Measuring Meaningful Connectivity

Exploring measurement frameworks, methodologies, and empirical approaches for assessing meaningful connectivity across diverse environment.



Trustworthy Internet

Examining emerging risks and threats that challenge the idea that the Internet remains an open and reliable platform for free expression and the exchange of ideas.



Funding Details

The Research Grant Program is open to two types of applicants.

Organizations and Institutions:

Up to USD\$500,000

Individual Researchers:

Up to USD\$200,000

Project Duration: Up to 24 months



Eligibility Requirements

- Public research institutions: 501(c)(3) or equivalent and should have a mission that is aligned to that of the Foundation.
- Independent researchers: Postgraduate research degree (PhD, Masters) and peer reviewed publications, patents, academic or independently published work in the relevant area.
- Organizations must be legally registered with an official bank account in their name that is able to receive funds from U.S.-based foundation
- Demonstrated experience managing similar scale of funding.

More information on eligibility requirements: <https://www.isocfoundation.org/resources/grantee-eligibility/>



Selection Criteria

Applications are reviewed by internal and independent external reviewers.

→ **Program Alignment**

Is the research novel and in line with one of the program's thematic areas? field of Internet studies

→ **Outcome - Oriented**

Does the research seek to answer a real-world question and can be applied to inform decision making?

→ **Team Capacity**

Applicant and/or partners demonstrate the knowledge, relationships, and experience to accomplish project goals.

→ **Clear Work Plan**

Goals, outcomes, key milestones, and work plan are clearly defined and aligned with each other.



How to apply



The screenshot shows the Internet Society Foundation's Grants Portal. At the top left is the logo, a cluster of grey dots of varying sizes. To its right is the text "Internet Society Foundation" in a large, bold, black font. Below the logo and text is the heading "Welcome to the Internet Society Foundation's Grants Portal".

On the left side, there is a login section titled "Login (all fields required)". It contains two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Below these fields is a "Sign in" button. A link for "Forgot Password?" is located below the "Sign in" button.

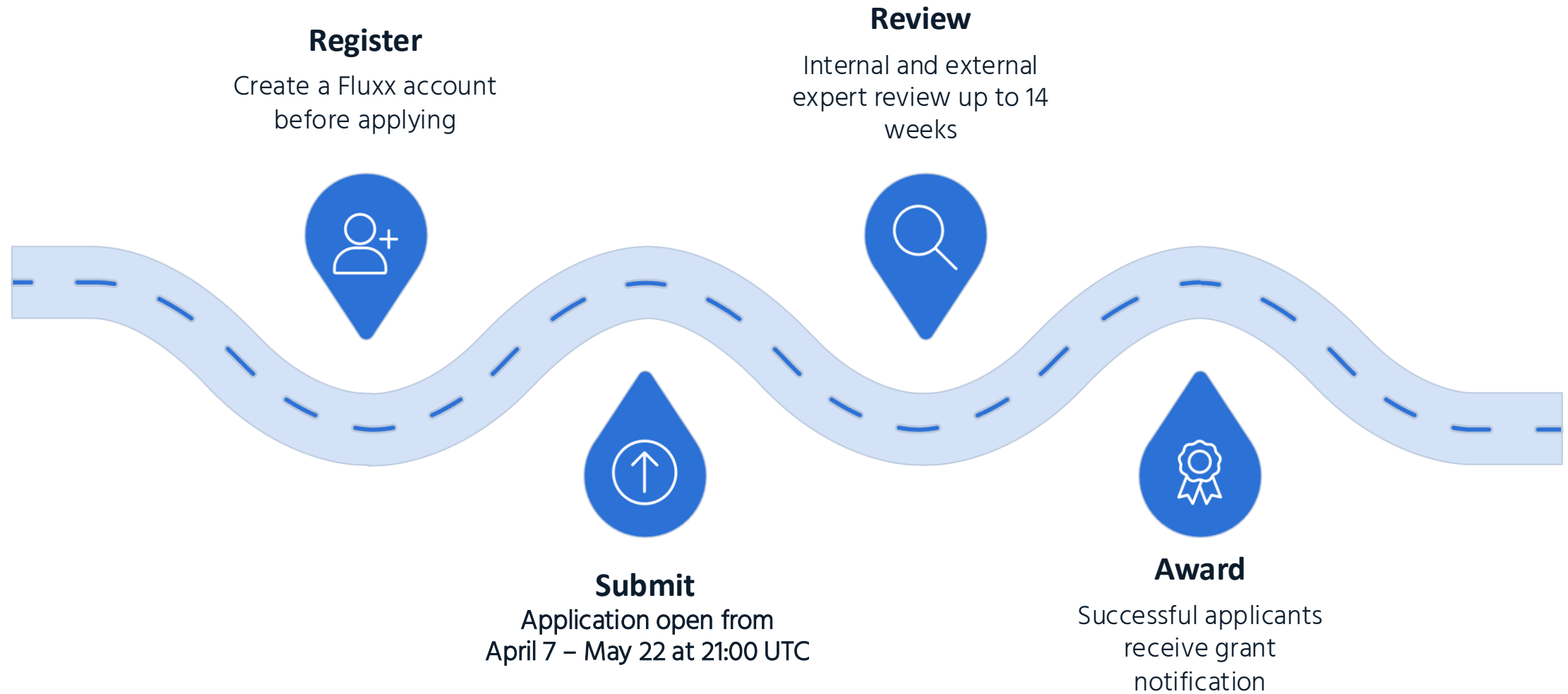
On the right side, there are two registration options. The first is for "ISOC Chapter Officers", with a link for "Español | Français" above it. The text reads "Are you an ISOC Chapter Officer? Sign in below using your ISOC credentials." Below this is a blue button labeled "ISOC Chapter Sign In". The second option is for "New to the System?", with a blue button labeled "Register Here". Below this is a link for "Need help? fluxx_help@isocfoundation.org".

At the bottom center, there is the "FLUXX" logo, which consists of a small cluster of colored dots. Below it are links for "Privacy Policy" and "Accessibility".

- Register in the Internet Society Foundation's grants management system, Fluxx (<https://isocfoundation.fluxx.io>) It can take 2-3 business days for registrations to be completed so register in advance
- Applications are only accepted through Fluxx. Incomplete submissions will not be considered
- Applications may be submitted in English, French, or Spanish
- Application templates available on the Research webpage for support
- We cannot provide individualized application guidance
- If you encounter any issues or technical difficulties with Fluxx, contact fluxx_help@isocfoundation.org



Timeline



Applications may be submitted in **English, French, or Spanish** via the Fluxx grants management system. No email submissions accepted. Applicants are strongly encouraged to register in Fluxx as early as possible. Example application forms are available on the Internet Society Foundation website.

Questions?

**The application period closes at
21:00 UTC on May 22, 2026**



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