

Evaluation and Reporting Requirements for Operating Partners (OPs)

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1. Evaluation and Reporting Requirements for Operating Partners

The Evaluation and Reporting Requirements Policy sets out the Operating Partner (OP) reporting requirements including the licence review process, annual statistics and research deliverables, as well as how the International Award Foundation (IAF) uses this data. This policy is currently in development and therefore below we have provided some information regarding these requirements which should allow you to meet or continue to meet the standards of your OP licence agreement.

2. Licence Reviews

- 2.1. In order to monitor compliance with the licence the Foundation performs a licence review 18 months after the licence is granted. The purpose of this check is to ensure that the appropriate standards are being met in the OP's licence.
- 2.2. This check involves the submission of evidence to ensure standards within the OP's licence agreement are met along with meetings held with your main points of contact. After this first check, every OP will go through a licence review every three years to ensure continued compliance with the standards.
- 2.3. In order to complete the licence review successfully, an OP has to meet the standards of the licence. The Foundation will evaluate compliance based on the evidence that is submitted against each standard.

3. Annual Statistics

- 3.1. The Annual Statistical Return is a method for monitoring the growth of the Award and helps identify trends over time. It contains vital statistics about Award participation at an OP that, once confirmed, will allow us to quantify the reach and impact of the Award globally.
- 3.2. As part of the Annual Statistical Return an OP will be required to conduct a data collection and review process. The Foundation will then send a form to each OP requesting they review the information and answer additional questions. The completed form will then need to be submitted to the Foundation by a defined deadline each year.

4. Research Deliverables

- 4.1. The Foundation develops research initiatives with an aim to provide robust and plausible evidence of the Award's impact. Such evidence is becoming more relevant and important when finding and keeping donors, partners and delivery channels, increasing visibility and maintaining reputation. The OP's participation in these initiatives is necessary to pull together global data on impact.
- 4.2. The key research initiatives in which the OPs are required to participate are explained as below. Please note, the Foundation's Research Team provides more detailed information about each initiative and its processes.

5. Outcomes Research

- 5.1. This research initiative aims to measure the short-term outcomes of the Award as explained in the Foundation's Outcomes Framework. The research design consists of a pre survey, which participants take in the beginning of their Award level and a post survey which they take after they complete their Award level. A control group, which is comprised of young people not taking part

in the Award, also takes the surveys at the same timelines as the Award participants. This allows us to establish whether there are any improvements over time seen in Award participants that are not just due to young people's developmental changes but are the result of their involvement in the Award. Young people complete the survey online.

- 5.2. All data is collected through the Foundation's online platform, Qualtrics and analysed independently by an academic or research institution. OPs can start to participate in this initiative anytime.

6. Satisfaction Surveys

- 6.1. The Foundation runs satisfactions surveys for Award participants and all adults involved in the delivery of the Award. These surveys enable us to gain an understanding of how participants and adults supporting the delivery view the Award and how they experience it. Such information is useful for identifying support needs of participants and adults, helps the Award Operators to maintain the high quality of the Award, and informs us all as we make plans for the continuing growth of the Award worldwide. The surveys are taken online. All data is collected and analysed using the Foundation's online platform, Qualtrics. OPs can start to participate in this initiative anytime.
- 6.2. The Foundation may also contact the OPs with information about other research activity and invite them to take part.