

FAME Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

(Q) What exactly does the FAME Grant cover?

(A) The FAME grant is only intended to provide salary support (20%) for the faculty member so they can devote 20% of their time to their FAME project. It is only meant to protect the faculty member's time to work on their project; it does not cover other potential costs associated with the project, such as supplies, mailings, or effort for support personnel. Typically, these additional costs have been supported by the mentor's ongoing funded projects. If additional support is needed, you could also reach out to your Division Director or Clinical Section Lead to see if there are resources available to supplement the FAME grant.

(Q) What is the difference between a FAME coach and a mentor?

Coach: If you signed up for the FAME Grant Writing and Coaching series, then we have paired you with a FAME coach. FAME coaches are DOM faculty volunteers who are established investigators and have had experience with FAME projects. They have volunteered their time to work with FAME applicants prior to the application deadline to help develop strong FAME grant applications.

Mentor: A FAME mentor is an Emory faculty member (DOM or not), selected by the FAME applicant, has expertise in the subject area of FAME applicant's project, and is clearly committed to the success of the project. While the FAME applicant will ultimately be responsible for the success of their project, reviewers of FAME proposals rate highly those proposals where it is clear that the mentor will work with the applicant on a regular basis and provide strong intellectual and, if necessary, financial support for the project.

(Q) Do we need to include a budget in our application?

(A) Applicants do not have to provide a detailed budget in their FAME applications. However, if additional support beyond protected time is required, FAME reviewers would need to know how the applicant would get additional support. For example, effort for a study coordinator or a data analyst might be covered by the mentor or another grant.

(Q) Am I still eligible if I have a secondary appointment in DOM?

(A) All applicants must have a primary appointment in the DOM. If you are unsure of your appointment status, please contact your division's business administrator or HR rep.