# AI for Accessibility Proposal Requirements

## Qualified applicants

AI for Accessibility is a call to action for developers, NGO’s, academics, researchers, and inventors to accelerate their work by and with people with disabilities. From a tinkerer in a basement to an established corporation, from students to professionals. This is a global program; grant applications from all countries in the world are eligible.

If you are worried about not meeting all requirements, please connect to someone in your community who can support you and partner on an application.

## Azure compute grants

The most important part of each application is a project proposal that describes the accessibility challenge addressed, the technical solution proposed, and its potential impact on people with disabilities. Please follow the application form and be as specific as possible. Your proposal should be written in English. While there is no specific format for proposals, a guideline is below that outlines information that is important to include:

### Title

* Team members/collaborators
	+ List one project leader first, then include all other team members afterwards
	+ Include names, roles, and institutional affiliations for each member
* 1-2 sentence summary of your project

### Project summary

* What is your project proposal? Be as detailed as possible.
* Approximate timeline for key project milestones.
* What disability segments are you targeting in your project?

### Technical component

* What Azure offerings will you use? We are particularly interested in projects that use AI and machine learning.
* Justify the amount of technology resources your project will need (you can calculate an estimate using the [Azure calculator](https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/calculator/)).
* Do you have the resources and technical skills to complete the project successfully?
* How does your project build on existing research?
* What datasets will you use for your analyses?
	+ Is this data already collected?
	+ Is your data labeled and ready to be used as training data?

### Impact

* Which of the three challenges does your project focus on?
* How will your project have an impact on people with disabilities?
* How will the results of your project be leveraged and beneficial to a community of users?
* Are you creating tools, APIs, or applications that can be used? Will they be opensource?
* Where will your project have direct positive impact? (Be specific about geographic locations)

Application and more information are available at <http://aka.ms/grant>.