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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### **RANDY F. GERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **American Psychological Foundation (APF) Mission and Funding**

APF provides financial support for innovative research and programs that enhance the power of psychology to elevate the human condition and advance human potential both now and in generations to come. It executes this mission through a broad range of scholarships and grants. For all of these, it encourages applications from individuals who represent diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, and sexual orientation.

The Randy Gerson Memorial Grant is awarded to pre-doctoral students for their work in selected areas of psychology. Its description, application requirements, and procedures appear below.

*APF supports original, innovative research and projects. Although APF favors unique, independent work, the Foundation does fund derivative projects that are part of larger studies.*

#### **Description**

The program awards grants for graduate student projects in family and/or couple dynamics, and/or multi-generational processes. Work that advances theory, assessment, or clinical practice in these areas is eligible. Preference will be given to projects using or contributing to the development of Bowen family systems. Priority will also be given to those projects that serve to advance Dr. Gerson's work.

#### **Program Goals**

- Advance systemic understanding in the above topic areas through empirical, methodological, or theoretical contribution
- Encourage talented students toward careers in specified areas

#### **Funding Specifics**

- One annual grant of \$6,000

*We do not allow indirect costs to be taken out of grant monies, although applicants can use grant monies for stipend support and other administrative costs (software, materials, etc.). Our policy on this is as follows, from the grant terms and conditions document:*

*No Institutional Indirect Costs. The entire grant must be provided to the individual grantee for the stated purpose. The grant may not be used to pay institutional indirect costs or overhead. If funds will be administered by the grantee's institution, the institution must affirm in writing that it will waive all administrative fees and charges for indirect costs. This*

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*assurance may be provided through the signature of a responsible official on this agreement.  
This assurance must be received before the funds can be released.*

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Graduate student in psychology enrolled full-time and in good standing at an accredited university
- Demonstrated competence in area of the proposed work
- IRB approval must be received from host institution before funding can be awarded if human participants are involved

### **Evaluation Criteria**

- Conformance with stated program goals
- Magnitude of incremental contribution in topic area
- Quality of proposed work
- Applicant's competence to execute the project

### **Proposal Requirements**

- Description of proposed project to include goal, relevant background, target population, methods, anticipated outcomes, and dissemination plans  
Format: not to exceed 7 pages (1 inch margins, no smaller than 11 point font)
- Timeline for execution
- Full budget and justification (indirect costs not permitted)
- Current CV
- Two letters of recommendation

### **Submission Process and Deadline**

Submit a completed application online at <http://forms.apa.org/apf/grants/> by **February 1, 2012**.

Questions about this program should be directed to Parie Kadir, Program Officer, at [pkadir@apa.org](mailto:pkadir@apa.org).

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