



AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

PSYCHOLOGY PHILANTHROPY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

WAYNE F. PLACEK GRANTS

American Psychological Foundation (APF) Mission and Funding

The 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.

Wayne F. Placek Grants support empirical research from all fields of the behavioral and social sciences on any topic related to lesbian, gay, or bisexual issues. 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 Wayne F. Placek Grants encourage research to increase the general public's understanding of homosexuality and sexual orientation, and to alleviate the stress that lesbian women, gay men, bisexual women, bisexual men, and transgendered people experience in this and future civilizations. Since 1995, the Placek Fund has granted more than \$1 million.

Program Goals

- Encourage research that addresses the following topics:
 - Heterosexuals' attitudes and behaviors toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) people, including prejudice, discrimination, and violence
 - Family and workplace issues relevant to LGBT people
 - Special concerns of sectors of the LGBT population that have historically been underrepresented in scientific research

Funding Specifics

- Two \$15,000 grants available annually

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

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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 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

- Must be either doctoral-level researcher or graduate student affiliated with an educational institution or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit research organization
- *Graduate students and early career researchers are encouraged to apply*

Evaluation Criteria

- Conformance with stated program goals
- Magnitude of incremental contribution
- Quality of proposed work
- Applicant's demonstrated scholarship and research competence

Proposal Requirements

Submit ONE pdf document with the following parameters:

- Page numbers and the applicant's name must appear on each page submitted;
- Page 1: Cover Sheet;
- Page 2: Title and Abstract;
- Description (up to three pages, 1 inch margins, no smaller than 12 point font) to include:
 - o Background
 - o Significance
 - o Rationale
 - o Innovation
 - o Explanation of the project's relevance and applications to meeting the Placek Fund goals
- Methodological Approach (up to three pages, 1 inch margins, no smaller than 12 point font) to include
 - o Framework
 - o Design
 - o Sample
 - o Proposed Analysis
 - o Theory/conceptual Framework
- Bibliography (in APA format)
- Timeline for execution (one page maximum)
- Full budget with justification (indirect costs not permitted; one page maximum)
- CV of the project leader

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Submission Process and Deadline

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

Questions about this program should be directed to Parie Kadir, Program Officer, at pkadir@apa.org.

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