



AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### **ANNETTE URSO RICKEL DISSERTATION AWARD FOR PUBLIC POLICY**

#### **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.

The Rickel Award supports dissertation research in public policy. 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 APF Annette Urso Rickel Foundation Dissertation Award for Public Policy supports dissertation research on public policy, which has the potential to improve services for children and families facing psychosocial issues such as prevention of child abuse, school programs for children with psychological issues, services for youth in the criminal justice system, healthy parenting, and math and science education, and contributing to the adoption of sound policy affecting children, youth and families.

#### **Program Goals**

- Encourage talented psychology students to focus on public policy issues
- Encourage work that has the potential to improve children and family services

#### **Funding Specifics**

- \$1,000 scholarship

*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 in good standing in a regionally accredited institution located in the U.S. or Canada
- Completed doctoral candidacy, including dissertation approval by doctoral committee
- Demonstrated research competence and area commitment
- 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
- Quality of proposed work
- Applicant's demonstrated scholarship and research competence

### **Proposal Requirements**

- Dissertation summary to include goal, relevant background, target population, methods, anticipated outcomes  
Format: not to exceed 3 pages (1 inch margins, no smaller than 11 point font)
- Timeline for execution
- Full budget and justification (indirect costs not permitted)
- Current CV
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor

### **Submission Process and Deadline**

Submit a completed application online at <http://forms.apa.org/apf/grants/> by **November 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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