

Funding Support and Leadership Opportunities for Graduate Students

Division 45's support of graduate students through funding opportunities that contribute to advancing their education and conference participation, as well as funded leadership roles within the Division are listed below.

- We have an elected position for a graduate student representative and the Division supports their attendance to Executive Committee meetings which pays all expenses.
- We also allow student members to assist during convention as volunteers to host our hospitality suite and in exchange we provide them housing during the APA convention. This is coordinated through our student representative who is currently (2006) David Acevedo david_acevedo@hotmail.com. I will copy him on this email in case he wants to provide you more information for your article. He will be a great source.
- This past year Division 45 was one of the primary sponsors for the Expert Summit on Immigration. We had a planning task force that included students. Those students who served were given an opportunity to request funding support to attend the Summit and to assist as support staff handling such responsibilities as registration, conference evaluations, and poster set up.
- The other funding opportunities we have for students include part-time graduate assistantships to support the President, the Treasurer, and Co-Chairs for the convention program and the Division 45 coordinator of the National Multicultural Conference and Summit. Students interested in these opportunities are usually selected by the officer and reside in the vicinity or are in the program of that individual. Any student interested in serving is welcomed to contact the Division 45 President or other officers and express an interest in holding one of these part-time assistantships.
- There is a small budget for donations and sponsorships. Students are welcome to request support for these funds by drafting a brief request including purpose and benefit to promoting the Division's mission, which will be reviewed by the

Division 45 Executive Committee and/or Fund Development Committee in determining support of the request.

Not related to Division 45, but of equal importance are funding opportunities for students through the Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention and Training in Psychology (CEMRRAT-2). CEMRRAT-2 has funding opportunities for students and others through a yearly Grant Initiative Funds: (http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/cemrrat2_grant_fund_announcement.pdf). These funding opportunities are on a first come first serve basis. Also, support for dissertation research may be available, if the research meets the criteria related to advancing the goals of the CEMRRAT Plan. This task force oversees the annual Suinn Minority Achievement Awards that require nomination by a student, and in the past, have included funding through American Psychological Foundation (APF) to recognize a model program in promoting the preparation of ethnic minority students seeking doctorates in the various fields of psychology. The website for that awards program is http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/cemrrat2_grant_fund_announcement.pdf.