

APF/COGDOP GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS IN PSYCHOLOGY

The American Psychological Foundation (APF) and the Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology (COGDOP) are jointly offering graduate research scholarships, including the \$5,000 Harry and Miriam Levinson Scholarship, the \$3,000 Ruth G. and Joseph D. Matarazzo Scholarship, the \$2,000 Clarence J. Rosecrans Scholarship, as well as a number of \$1,000 scholarships.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to assist graduate students of psychology with research costs associated with the master's thesis or doctoral dissertation. The American Psychological Association Science Directorate administers the granting of the scholarships. Graduate students enrolled in a doctoral program or an interim master's program are eligible to apply. If a student is currently enrolled in a terminal master's program, the student must intend to enroll in a PhD program immediately following completion of the master's program. A few of the fellowships have been reserved for students who, at the time of application, are within the first two years of graduate study in psychology, while most are generally awarded to students who are farther along in their programs.

Each graduate department of psychology that is a member of COGDOP may submit nominations. The number of candidates that each member department is allowed to nominate depends upon the total number of students enrolled in the graduate program. Departments that have 100 or fewer students enrolled in their graduate programs may nominate one (1) candidate; departments that have 101-200 graduate students enrolled may nominate up to two (2) candidates; and departments that have more than 200 graduate students enrolled may nominate up to three (3) candidates. We encourage nominations of students who are enrolled in interim master's programs. NOTE: nominees must be currently enrolled in the graduate program at the time grants are awarded.

Each application *must* include five (5) collated sets of the following materials (please use 12 point font):

1. A completed application form (see next page). Additional copies of the form may be photocopied and are also available online (<http://www.apa.org/science/apf-cogdop.html> and <http://www.cogdop.org/>).
2. A letter of recommendation (*3-page maximum*) from the nominee's graduate research advisor, with original signature. Please do not submit more than one letter of recommendation; only the letter of recommendation from the nominee's graduate research advisor will be forwarded for review. Copies of the letter should be included in the same application packet with the rest of the materials. All application materials must arrive together in one packet.
3. A brief outline (*3-page maximum*; see review criteria below) of the nominee's thesis or dissertation research project (even if in progress). Outlines may be single or double-spaced, margin sizes are at the discretion of each applicant, and the outline may be followed by up to 2 additional pages of references. We encourage you to use your best judgment on the format and content of your application, and to get your advisor's feedback on a draft of the entire application packet before completing it.
4. A curriculum vitae and a transcript (an unofficial/student copy is acceptable) of all graduate coursework completed by the nominee.

Review Criteria

The major criteria are related to the research proposal. Proposals will be rated on the description of the context for the research (a brief literature review), the clarity and comprehensibility of the research question, the appropriateness of the research design, the general importance (theoretical, applied) of the research, and the use of requested funds (with preference given for funds to actually conduct the research as opposed to tuition, travel, books, and journals). Secondary criteria are related to the student's background, including previous publications or presentations at conferences, awards won at the student's institution, the letter of recommendations from the major advisor, breadth of courses taken, and grades in courses.

DEADLINE

All application materials must be delivered in one complete package on or before June 15, 2009. Awardees will be notified in the fall. **Five (5) collated sets** of all application materials must be included in each submission.

Please send complete applications to:

**APA Science Directorate
APF/COGDOP Graduate Research Scholarships
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