
BEA Award in Support of Conferences and Workshop 2024

Workshop or Conference name: Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology (COGDOP) Annual Conference

Sponsoring Organization: COGDOP

Conference or workshop date: 2/21/2025

Goals and objectives

The clarity and nature of the conference or workshop goals and objectives and how they will enhance the training of faculty and supervisors of graduate students, interns, and/or postdoctoral fellows in psychology.

The Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology (COGDOP) is a leadership organization for Chairs and Heads of Departments of Psychology or equivalent from 220+ accredited colleges and universities authorized to offer graduate degrees in psychology. COGDOP promotes and influences graduate education through active interaction with leading scientific and educational organizations including the American Psychological Association, and dissemination of current information to leaders in higher education for implementation at the level of individual units. COGDOP's annual meeting is designed to address national and institutional challenges associated with managing a department that serves faculty and students engaged in graduate psychology education, and to build leadership skills that will influence professional development of faculty and trainees. We learn from speakers who represent prominent national organizations, government, higher education, and who have expertise in timely educational and leadership topics. The purpose of the present proposal is to request partial funding for our upcoming February 2025 COGDOP Conference. Key objectives for that meeting are: (a) facilitating discussion of graduate training best practices among department heads and chairs of MA/MS and PhD and PsyD programs, and (b) enhancing the professional development of leaders (chairs and heads) responsible for supervising the directors of graduate psychology training programs.

Leadership

The qualifications of the person(s) identified to plan and lead the conference or workshop, relative to the topic of focus. Included in the qualifications should be evidence of national or regional leadership (e.g., publication of scholarly works related to education and training, participation/leadership in past workshops, etc.)

The COGDOP board currently has 10 members: Drs. Brian Daly, President, Drexel University, Jennifer Mangels, Treasurer, Baruch College CUNY, Sandra Morrisette, Secretary, University of Texas at San Antonio, Paula Shear, Past- President, University of Cincinnati, Michael Dougherty, At-Large, University of Maryland, James Smart, At-Large, Miami University - Ohio, Mitchell Berman, At-Large, Mississippi State University, Jack Shelley-Tremblay, At-Large, University of South Alabama, and Deborah Bell, At-Large, University of Missouri. The annual COGDOP Conference is planned and coordinated primarily by

the COGDOP board members, and the workshops and discussions presented at the conference are led by national and international leaders in psychology education. The current COGDOP BEA liaison is Paula Shear, Ph.D. Although the Keynote and Plenary speakers have yet to be finalized, the planners of the conference have extensive national and regional leadership and peer-reviewed publications related to education and training. For example, Dr. Daly is Co-Chair of the Executive Board of the Mental Health-Education Integration Consortium (MHEDIC), Dr. Shear has served as an elected member on the American Psychological Association Commission on the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology, and as the President of the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology / APA Division 40, and Dr. Bell is a former Chair of the Commission on Accreditation.

Participants

The qualifications of conference or workshop participants relative to the topic of focus, including their potential for implementing outcomes of the conference or workshop toward enhancing graduate education.

The participants of the COGDOP conference will be Chairs and Heads of Departments of Psychology which offer graduate degrees in psychology. The COGDOP conference is the only national conference dedicated exclusively to Chairs and Department Heads of departments with a graduate psychology program, and as a result the participants represent a significant constituency of graduate psychology programs across the country. Many of COGDOP's member departments focus on theoretical and experimental aspects of psychology, and others have APA-accredited clinical, counseling, or school doctoral programs. In addition, many of the departments have active department-affiliated counseling centers, practicums, and post-doctoral training programs. All COGDOP members are eligible to attend the annual conference, and typically approximately 85 Chairs and Department Heads do so each year. Historically, the annual conference is a valuable source of information for Chairs and Department Heads for questions about education, training, leadership and research. It helps Chairs and Department Heads remain current regarding national trends and changes in the field of graduate psychology training, and it affords leadership development that influences all aspects of professional performance in the home units. The conference also typically provides approximately 15 hours of continuing education credits for Chairs and Department Heads to maintain their licenses as psychologists.

Impact

The estimated or potential impact of the conference or workshop in terms of the diffusion of new ideas resulting from its outcomes in the education community appropriate to the proposal's focus.

The COGDOP annual conference offers a unique opportunity for those attending to enhance their understanding and application of current and salient training issues related to graduate psychology. Because the participants are all actively involved as departmental leaders, direct supervisors of training directors, and educators, the impact of the conference content is effectively extended to faculty, graduate students, postdoctoral trainees, and affiliated program professional staff. Consequently, through dissemination and discussion of conference sessions, COGDOP conference attendees have significant potential for influencing graduate psychology faculty and students and their development of professional skills and identity. COGDOP is an invaluable source for leaders in promoting and influencing the field of psychology and the needs of graduate education through active

interaction with leading scientific and educational organizations including the American Psychological Association.

Budget

The clarity and completeness of the conference or workshop budget, how realistic it is, how the grant funds are to be used to offset expenses incurred (e.g., travel, registration, speaker fees), as well as provide strong justification for the requested amount and whether the conference or workshop can be offered without BEA funding.

Budget for the 2025 COGDOP conference in Austin, TX is: Keynote Speaker Honorarium \$1,000.00 (BEA Block Grant Money), Plenary Speaker #1 Honorarium \$500.00 (BEA Block Grant Money), Plenary Speaker #2 Honorarium \$500.00 (COGDOP Matching Funds), Travel for speakers \$ 2500.00 (COGDOP Matching Funds), Hotel for speakers \$ 1500.00 (COGDOP Matching Funds), Registration for speakers \$1050.00 (COGDOP Matching Funds), Overall Conference Budget: (Estimated costs) Food & Beverage \$25,000, Room rental and A/V costs \$25,000, Total \$50,000. The amount asked from BEA is \$1500.00.