Funding for psychological research is scarce – especially for early career psychologists and graduate students. A modest APF grant can seed the knowledge base of the field and launch a career. It can unlock discoveries and help solve society’s thorniest problems. It can be transformative in the life of a young researcher and contribute to a vibrant future.

Through the Campaign to Transform the Future – now in its final year – donors can ensure that more APF support and grants will be available, providing for work on issues of pivotal concern: preventing violence, fostering the connection between behavior and health, fighting stigma and prejudice, and helping with the long-term effects of disaster.
FOUR VISIONARY PRIORITIES, FOUR APF GRANTEES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

APF grantees apply psychology’s problem-solving approach across a wide spectrum of social problems:

- Understanding and fostering the connection between behavior and health
- Reducing stigma and prejudice
- Understanding and preventing violence
- Addressing the long-term psychological needs in the aftermath of disaster

Here are just four examples of how young psychologists tackled some serious problems:

What is the relationship between stress and resilience in vulnerable youth?
In 2013, Farrah Jacquez, PhD, of the University of Cincinnati, conducted her pilot project to measure and understand mental and physical aspects of stress and resilience in vulnerable adolescents from three diverse communities – rural Appalachians, Latino immigrants, and urban African Americans. With her grant, Jacquez piloted a rigorous psychosocial, biological and qualitative methodology to measure physical aspects of stress and resilience.

Developing this methodology through her pilot project had a significant impact on Jacquez’s career. She achieved tenure at her university and launched a new inquiry on stress, this one investigating stress among women and its relation to low birth weight and other possible birth complications.

How does stigma toward mental illness affect treatment?
Anne Krendl, PhD, of Indiana University, used her 2014 Visionary Grant to determine how stigma toward mental illness affects individual attitudes toward mental health treatment using neuroimaging. The study demonstrated a link between the neural correlates engaged in initially perceiving others and subsequent attitudes toward recommending mental health treatment. Krendl’s results suggest that successfully promoting mental health treatment compliance will require interventions that both increase perceivers’ awareness of the seriousness of the disease and reduce their bias toward mental illness.

Krendl plans to use the compelling pilot data she obtained during her project for future grant applications through the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

How can we determine which prison inmates are likely to become violent?
When he was a doctoral student at Drexel University, 2014 Visionary Grantee Casey LaDuke used neuropsychological measures to help determine which prison inmates are likely to become violent both in prison and after their release. LaDuke’s project was a first step toward integrating violence risk assessment and neuropsychological assessment.

Prior to receiving APF funding, LaDuke’s ambitious project was at risk of being underpowered, with a small sample size and minimal potential impact. Now, this work will inform the development of specifically tailored treatment plans, helping to prevent criminal and violent behavior.

What is the psychological impact of climate change?
Kati Corlew, PhD, is an early career psychologist known for her scholarship on the psychological impacts of climate change. She received a 2013 Visionary Grant to address the psychological recovery from disasters in Maui and American Samoa as it relates to the increasing risk of disaster from climate change. As a result of her project, she was able to develop disaster and climate change preparedness handbooks to be disseminated back into the communities.
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APF works to address society’s most challenging problems by supporting talented researchers at the graduate student and early career level. The outlook for these young psychologists is bleak: the average age for a researcher to receive a first-time federal grant is 42 years old, and the NIH reports that the proportion of federally funded investigators under the age of 35 is near zero.

With many scientists reporting that their most innovative ideas – ideas that can lead to revelatory new science – emerged early in their careers, this data is alarming. This is why APF funding is so important.

APF is striving to expand the resources available to this new generation of psychologists. In the last five years, APF has increased its annual funding by nearly $150,000.

But the need for funding continues to grow. In 2011, APF received 786 applications. In 2015, APF received 1,048 applications – a 75% increase – and could only support 9% of applicants.

This is why APF began its five-year Campaign to Transform the Future in 2012: to address the lack of funding for urgent psychological research. The goal of the Campaign is to ensure that talented psychologists with innovative proposals and ambitious projects can pursue breakthroughs in psychology.

2016 is the final year of the Campaign to Transform the Future. Through the Campaign, APF donors will expand the Foundation’s grantmaking capacity and help fund the next generation of researchers. APF donors are making an impact on the field, now and in the future.

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