

Funding Options for Graduate Students in Psychology

January Deadlines

APA Minority Fellowship Award:

The principal aim of the MFP is to provide financial support, professional development activities, and guidance to promising doctoral students and postdoctoral trainees with the goal of moving them toward high achievement in areas related to ethnic minority behavioral health research or services.

Eligibility: American Citizens or permanent resident alien enrolled full-time in APA-accredited doctoral programs

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/pi/mfp/psychology/index.aspx>

Sandra Schwartz Tangri Memorial Award for Graduate Student Research:

This award is given to make it possible for graduate students to conduct social justice research on issues affecting structurally marginalized women. The Sandra Schwartz Tangri Memorial Award for Graduate Student Research is given to make it possible for graduate students to conduct social justice research on issues affecting structurally marginalized women. Such issues include sexual harassment, discrimination of all kinds, reproductive rights, concerns of ethnic and sexual minority women, conditions having disparate impact on marginalized women, the mentoring of "first generation" college students, and/or the psychology of women's careers.

Eligibility: Advanced doctoral graduate students in psychology or a closely related field whose dissertation research focuses on areas of social justice. As the award of **\$500** is intended to enable research that would not otherwise be possible, projects that are nearing completion or for which the major expenditures have already occurred are not eligible.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/gradpsych/2012/01/bulletin-board.aspx>

Graduate Student Ethics Prize:

The APA Ethics Committee and the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students sponsor this annual prize for a graduate student paper on psychology and ethics. The honoree will receive **\$1,000**, a round trip ticket to APA's Annual Convention, plus three nights of hotel accommodation and convention registration.

Eligibility: The prize is open to APAGS members enrolled in a psychology graduate program at the time the paper is submitted. "Psychology and ethics" is defined broadly, to include any empirical or theoretical paper that examines psychology and ethics in relation to science or research, practice, education, public interest or theory of ethics. The paper must indicate why its particular focus is worthy of attention.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/ethics-grad.aspx>

Association for Psychological Science Student Research Travel Award:

To promote and acknowledge outstanding research conducted by student members and defray APS convention travel costs.

Eligibility: Current APS Student affiliates may only enter one APSSC competition each year (i.e., Student Grant Competition, Student Research Award, or RISE Research Award) and as such are only eligible for one of these three awards each academic year. Travel assistance is excluded from this rule.

Additional information can be found at

<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/members/apssc/about/student-research-award>

APS RISE Research Award:

The purpose of the RISE Research Award is to cultivate scholarly research in psychological fields related to socially and economically underrepresented populations, as well as to acknowledge outstanding research conducted by student members.

Eligibility: Current APS Student Affiliates may only enter one APSSC competition each year (i.e., Student Grant Competition, Student Research Award, or RISE Research Award) and as such are only eligible for one of these three awards each academic year. Travel assistance is excluded from this rule.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/members/rise/research-award>

February Deadlines

Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois:

The Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program (DFI)—formerly known as the IMGIP/ICEOP—was established by the Illinois General Assembly and signed as Public Act 093-0862 on August 4, 2004. This act combines the Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Program (ICEOP) and the Illinois Minority Graduate Incentive Program (IMGIP) into a single fellowship program. The purpose of DFI is to increase the number of underrepresented faculty and staff in Illinois institutions of higher education and higher education governing boards.

Eligibility: A DFI Fellow must be an Illinois resident and U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident alien who is a member of an Underrepresented Group. Black/African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, American Indian or Alaskan Native. "Traditionally underrepresented minority group" means any of the minority groups designated in the Public Act which are represented in Illinois post-baccalaureate enrollment at a percentage rate less than the minority group's representation in the total Illinois population. The Public Act further specifies that to be classified as an Illinois resident, an applicant must possess a high school diploma or postsecondary degree from an accredited Illinois educational institution or have lived in Illinois for at least three years.

Additional information can be found at <http://grad.uic.edu/cms/?pid=1000083>

Randy Gerson Memorial Grant:

This grant provides **\$6,000** toward the advancement of the systemic understanding of couple and/or family dynamics and/or multi-generational processes. The program awards grants for graduate student projects in family and/or couple dynamics, and/or multi-generational processes. Work that advances theory, assessment, or clinical practice in these areas shall be considered eligible. Preference will be given to projects using or contributing to the development of Bowen family systems. Priority also will be given to those projects that serve to advance Dr. Gerson's work.

Eligibility: All applicants must be graduate students in psychology enrolled full time and in good standing at accredited universities.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/gerson.aspx>

Anne Anastasi General Psychology Graduate Student Award:

The Anne Anastasi Graduate Student Award, named for the APA past-President and co-founder of the Society, and funded by the Anne Anastasi Foundation. Each of two recipients of this award will receive **\$300** and a certificate. The winner will be decided based on the student's vitae and research plan, plus a supporting letter from the student's advisor

Eligibility: There are no restrictions on nominees, and self-nominations as well as nominations by others are encouraged

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/div-1-anastasi.aspx>

March Deadlines

UIC Dean's Scholar Award:

The Dean's Scholar Award is a one-year, non-renewable award presented by the Dean of the Graduate College in recognition of a student's scholarly achievement. The award is intended to provide the most distinguished, advanced-level graduate students with a period of time dedicated solely to the completion of their programs. Recipients of the Dean's Scholar Award will receive a fellowship stipend of **\$25,000** for a twelve-month academic year. The recipients also receive a tuition and fee waiver from the Graduate College.

Eligibility: The Dean's Scholar competition is open to doctoral students who have passed the Graduate-College-required Preliminary Examination at the University of Illinois at Chicago and are well into their dissertation work, and also to MFA students who have passed second-semester review. Nominations must come from the program. A maximum of two (2) students may be nominated by each program.

Additional information can be found at <http://grad.uic.edu/cms/?pid=1000091>

UIC Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship:

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship program was established in 1985 at UIC to encourage African-American, Latino(a), and Native-American UIC students who have demonstrated high academic achievement in the many fields where they have traditionally been underrepresented and who have shown commitment through community and campus service. Fifteen (15) \$2,000 undergraduate scholarships, five (5) **\$5,000** graduate fellowships and five (5) \$5,000 professional fellowships are awarded annually.

Eligibility: These meritorious and/or monetary awards are given to undergraduates with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, as well as to graduate and professional students with high academic achievement. Graduate students must have completed *at least* one semester at UIC *before* applying for the MLK. Applicant **MUST** plan to be enrolled as a junior, senior, graduate or professional *full-time student at UIC* during the *entire academic year*. Present or past holders of *graduate* and *professional* MLK Scholarships are **NOT ELIGIBLE**. However, present or past holders of *undergraduate* MLK Scholarships **MAY** reapply. Selection is based on academic record, personal statement, recommendations, and demonstrated commitment to community/campus service.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oa/ssp/mlk.htm>

[April Deadlines](#)

UIC Abraham Lincoln Graduate Fellowship – Retention Round:

The goal of the Abraham Lincoln Fellowship program at UIC is to increase the excellence and diversity of the graduate student body by attracting applicants who have overcome obstacles to achieve academic success.

Eligibility: Applicants for Recruitment and Retention Fellowships must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States who have participated in a McNair Scholars Program, or have attended a Historically Black College or University, a Hispanic Serving Institution or a Tribal College or students who come from groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in graduate programs. Applicants must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student in a graduate program at the University of Illinois at Chicago or must have completed an application for fall admission to the UIC Graduate College. All applicants must be nominated by their departments. Selection criteria for all Abraham Lincoln Fellowships will be based on academic achievement, promise and alignment with the goals of the fellowship.

Additional information can be found at <http://grad.uic.edu/cms/?pid=1000092>

APA Student Travel Awards:

The Science Directorate of the American Psychological Association sponsors an annual competition for graduate student travel awards. The purpose of the Travel Award program is to help psychology graduate students travel to the annual APA Convention to present their research.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled full-time and be in good standing in a graduate program in psychology at a regionally accredited university or college located in the United States or Canada. Applicants must be student affiliates or associate members of the American Psychological Association (graduate student affiliates are automatically members of APAGS—see [student affiliate application](#) for details). Students who are not affiliates must apply for affiliation when submitting materials for the Travel Award; however, all materials must be received by the Science Directorate in a single, complete package. Research papers or posters must already have been accepted by an APA division for presentation. Multiple author submissions are acceptable, but the student applicant must be the designated presenter of the research. If there are multiple student authors, only the first author may apply for these funds. If the student applicant has been accepted to present more than one paper or poster, she or he must choose only one paper/poster presentation to use when applying for this award. Students who are designated presenters in a division-sponsored symposium are also eligible to apply for this award. Each psychology department (i.e., not individual programs within a department) may endorse no more than three (3) students per year for the Travel Award. If more than three students from a department wish to apply for these funds, the department must perform an initial screening and forward only three applications.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/scidir-stutrav.aspx>

UIC Image of Research Competition:

The UIC Graduate College and the University Library are pleased to announce the fifth annual *Image of Research* exhibit competition. Students enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program at UIC are invited to submit an image with aesthetic appeal that they created as part of their research.

Eligibility: This is a multi-disciplinary competition open to any student enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program at UIC.

Additional information can be found at <http://grad.uic.edu/image-research-exhibit-competition>

May Deadlines

APA Jeffrey S. Tanaka Memorial Dissertation Award in Psychology:

The APA Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA) continues to strive for increased research that will promote a better understanding of the complex issues facing communities of color (i.e., African Americans/Blacks, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders, American Indians/Alaskan Natives, Hispanics/Latino(a)s). To this end, CEMA sponsors an award for the most outstanding dissertation in psychology which addresses concerns relevant to populations of color. The Jeffrey S. Tanaka Memorial Dissertation Award in Psychology is so designated in the memory of an outstanding scholar and psychologist of color whose career stressed the critical importance and relevance of the role of culture and ethnicity in the scientific understanding of behavior. Dr. Tanaka was actively involved in APA, where he was a Fellow of the Division of Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics, and Member of the Divisions of Personality and Social Psychology, and the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues. He was chair-elect of the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs at the time of his death on November 3, 1992.

Eligibility: CEMA welcomes applications from ethnic minorities, as well as non-ethnic minority individuals who are APA members/student affiliates that have filed their dissertations in 2012 and 2013 on research involving one or more of the following areas:

- Contribution which enhances the understanding of people of color
- Contribution to the enhancement of psychological service delivery systems to persons of color
- Development of new concepts and/or theories relevant to populations of color
- Development of new and creative methodological paradigms which promote more effective research on and for communities of color
- Creative approach in methodology sensitive to the unique values, beliefs, and needs of communities of color

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/tanaka-award.aspx>

Diversity Dissertation Scholarship:

Funds for this **\$1,000** grant must be used to support proposed research, rather than to reward a completed, or nearly completed dissertation. The recipient will be invited to serve on the selection committee for the following year's applicants. The APAGS Grant Selection Committee will review all abstracts. The winning applicant will be selected based upon the relevance of the study to diversity, with particular emphasis on important and emerging trends in the field; scholarly excellence, innovation and implications for theory, research and action; and methodological appropriateness.

Eligibility: APAGS grants are available to graduate student members of APAGS who are enrolled at least halftime as a student in good standing at a regionally accredited university. Students who join as a Graduate Student Affiliate are members of APAGS; students who are members of APA as undergraduate student affiliates, Associate Member or other member status must change their status to Graduate Student Affiliate prior to applying for this grant. Undergraduates are not eligible for these grants, nor are APAGS Committee members or task force chairs. Previous recipients of each award are not eligible to apply again for a period of five years.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/apags-divdissert.aspx>

The Scott Mesh Honorary Grant for Research in Psychology:

This grant is intended to support dissertation research leading to a doctoral degree in the field of psychology. Scott Mesh was one of the founding co-chairs of APAGS in 1988. This **\$1,000** grant was named in his honor as appreciation for his initial work in launching APAGS.

Eligibility: APAGS grants are available to graduate student members of APAGS who are enrolled at least halftime as a student in good standing at a regionally accredited university. Students who join as a Graduate Student Affiliate are members of APAGS; students who are members of APA as undergraduate student affiliates, Associate Member or other member status must change their status to Graduate Student Affiliate prior to applying for this grant. Undergraduates are not eligible for these grants, nor are APAGS Committee members or task force chairs. Previous recipients of each award are not eligible to apply again for a period of five years.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/apags-mesh.aspx>

APAGS-LGBT Dissertation Grant:

This grant was established to encourage outstanding research in the area of LGBT concerns. This grant will be awarded to a student who demonstrates outstanding promise as a researcher as evidenced by a research proposal addressing the unique concerns facing LGBT individuals. Funds for the **\$1,000** grant must be used to support proposed research, rather than to reward a completed, or nearly completed dissertation.

Eligibility: APAGS grants are available to graduate student members of APAGS who are enrolled at least halftime as a student in good standing at a regionally accredited university. Students who join as a Graduate Student Affiliate are members of APAGS; students who are members of APA as undergraduate student affiliates, Associate Member or other member status must change their status to Graduate Student Affiliate prior to applying for this grant. Undergraduates are not eligible for these grants, nor are APAGS officers, subcommittee, or task force chairs. Previous recipients of each award are not eligible to apply again for a period of five years.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/apags-lgbt.aspx>

The Nancy B. Forest and L. Michael Honaker Master's Grant for Research in Psychology:

This grant funds thesis research in the field of psychology at the Master's level. This **\$1,000** grant is named in honor of APA staff members for their unyielding support over the years in the formation, development and continued growth of APAGS. Nancy B. Forest was one of the first staff liaisons to APAGS and L. Michael Honaker, PhD, ensured that APAGS had the necessary resources to implement its important mission.

Eligibility: APAGS grants are available to graduate student members of APAGS who are enrolled at least halftime as a student in good standing at a regionally accredited university. Students who join as a Graduate Student Affiliate are members of APAGS; students who are members of APA as Undergraduate Student Affiliates, Associate Member or other member status must change their status to Graduate Student Affiliate prior to applying for this grant. Undergraduates are not eligible for grants, nor are APAGS Committee members, subcommittee or task force chairs. Previous recipients of each award are not eligible to apply again for a period of five years.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/forest-honaker.aspx>

September Deadlines

Abe Fellowship Program:

This fellowship is designed to encourage international multidisciplinary research on topics of pressing global concern. The program seeks to foster the development of a new generation of researchers who are interested in policy-relevant topics of long-range importance and who are willing to become key members of a bilateral and global research network built around such topics. The program provides Abe Fellows with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 months of full-time support over a 24-month period.

Eligibility: To apply, at least one member and one Division member must collaborate on the required application materials. The APAGS Award Selection Committee will take into account both past and current activities when reviewing and selecting the winner of this award. Funds must be used to develop new programs and opportunities for graduate students or to build upon and enhance existing student activities.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/abe-fellow.aspx>

UIC Chancellor's Graduate Research Fellowship:

The Chancellor's Graduate Fellowship Program supports increased multidisciplinary scholarship opportunities and exposure to varied research and creative fields for graduate and professional students. The award amount will be up to **\$4,000** per year for 2 years.

Eligibility: Research and creative projects must be multidisciplinary. The prospective recipient must be a full-time graduate or professional student in good academic standing. The academic program or faculty mentor shall have adequate resources which may include, as appropriate: facilities, laboratory space and equipment, and research support to complete the proposed work.

Additional information can be found at <http://grad.uic.edu/cms/?pid=1000778>

APA Dissertation Research Awards:

The purpose of the APA Science Directorate's Dissertation Research Award program is to assist science-oriented doctoral students of psychology with research costs. The Science Directorate of the American Psychological Association sponsors an annual competition for dissertation research funding. The purpose of the Dissertation Research Award program is to assist science-oriented doctoral students of psychology with research costs. The current program includes 30-40 grants of **\$1,000** each, along with several larger grants of up to **\$5,000** to students whose dissertation research reflects excellence in scientific psychology.

Eligibility: Applicants must be graduate students of psychology in good standing with their university, at a regionally accredited university or college located in the United States or Canada. Applicants must be enrolled full-time or working on their dissertation research for an equivalent of full-time enrollment regardless of actual registration status. Please visit the website for additional, detailed eligibility information.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/scidir-dissertre.aspx>

October Deadlines

UIC Provost/Deiss Research Award:

The Graduate College provides two programs of support for research by graduate students at UIC: the Provost's Award for Graduate Research and the W.C. and May Preble Deiss Fund for Biomedical Research. The Provost's Award is open to all graduate students currently enrolled at UIC and the Deiss Fund is for graduate students engaged in research in clinical or basic medical sciences. Students may apply on a competitive basis for awards of **\$1,000 to \$3,000** to support their research. Awards will be made in two competitions annually, once in Spring semester and once in Fall semester.

Eligibility: While all degree-seeking students in good academic standing in Graduate College programs would be eligible, the Provost's Award for Graduate Research, and The W. C. and May Preble Deiss Fund for Biomedical Research are intended primarily for students who are actively engaged in research for a project, thesis or

dissertation. For PhD students, this typically will involve having completed the preliminary exam. Students at other stages of masters or doctoral work may be competitive if they show exceptional research promise, with justification from the student's research advisor and program director. A student may receive only one award during his or her pursuit of a particular degree.

Additional information can be found at <http://grad.uic.edu/provosts-deiss-awards-graduate-research>

November Deadlines

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships

The purpose of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) is to help ensure the vitality and diversity of the scientific and engineering workforce in the United States. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who are pursuing research-based masters and doctoral degrees in fields within NSF's mission. The GRFP provides three years of support for the graduate education of individuals who have demonstrated their potential for significant achievements in science and engineering research. The ranks of NSF Fellows include numerous individuals who have made transformative breakthroughs in science and engineering research, many who have become leaders in their chosen careers, and some who have been honored as Nobel laureates.

Eligibility: See NSF website for complete eligibility description.

Additional information can be found at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201&org=NSF

Awards with Rolling Deadlines

UIC Psychology Department Student Research and Travel Awards:

These awards provide funding to present research at conferences and to defray theses and dissertation expenses.

Eligibility: UIC Psychology Graduate Students

Additional information can be found in Chapter 12 of the Graduate Student Handbook

UIC Student Presenter Award:

The Graduate Student Presenter Awards are intended to help graduate students defray costs associated with presenting research at scholarly meetings or conferences, (e.g., registration and/or travel expenses).

Applications must be submitted before the closest deadline following your trip. Applications submitted prior to the proposed trip will be reviewed during the subsequent round of Awards. When a deadline date falls during a weekend, the deadline will be the following Monday.

September 30 (June, July, August, September)

January 31 (October, November, December, January)

May 31 (February, March, April, May)

Eligibility: UIC Graduate Students

Additional information can be found at <http://grad.uic.edu/cms/?pid=1000086>

UIC Graduate Student Council Student Travel Awards:

The UIC Graduate Student Council (GSC) Travel Award is available to students actively participating in academic or professional meetings. Applications must be received within the quarter during which the last day of the conference occurs.

Additional information can be found at http://gradstudentcouncil.uic.edu/travel_award.html

UIC LAS Graduate Student Travel Awards

The LAS PhD Student Travel Award is available to students participating in academic or professional meetings, or doing research. There are two types of awards available, both of which can be used for reimbursement of transportation, lodging, registration, and meal costs.

\$500 award for students presenting their own original work, chairing a session, or leading a discussion at a major meeting or conference.

\$250 award for students attending conference, meeting or event with no direct participation traveling to do research in student's area of study.

Eligibility: The applicant must be currently enrolled in a PhD program in LAS and may receive only one (1) LAS PhD Student Travel Award per fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

Additional information can be found at <http://www.las.uic.edu/students/graduate/phdtravelaward>