

Society of Addiction Psychology (SoAP) Student Research Grant

The Society of Addiction Psychology (SoAP; Division 50 of the American Psychological Association) offers the Student Research Grant Program to support graduate student research in the field of addiction psychology. Four Student Research Grants of up to \$1000.00 each will be awarded each year.

One proposal will be selected by the sitting President-Elect of SoAP based on how closely the project fits/integrates with that year's presidential theme (**President's Selection**). This year's presidential theme is:

The Science of Lived Experience: Reimagining Research Through Lived and Learned Expertise

A second award will be selected for a project which focuses on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in addiction science and/or focuses on addiction-related health disparities/inequities. Submissions for this award will be reviewed by the SoAP Grant Review Committee, chaired by Dr. Ty Schepis, and a top-scored application in this category will be funded. The two other awardees will also be selected by the SoAP Grant Review Committee. The committee will review the remaining applications and choose two of the top-scored grants.

These annual grants will be awarded to students whose research reflects excellence in addiction psychology and will be evaluated on the criteria detailed in the attached brochure. The grant recipients will be required to attend and present findings from the funded research at either the annual American Psychological Association or the Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction Conference. As part of the award, recipients will have their conference registration fee provided and will receive up to \$500.00 in travel funds. This travel allocation is in addition to the allotted \$1000.00 and does not need to be deducted from the project's budget.

DEADLINE: All application materials must be submitted no later than 11:59PM EST May 1

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicants must be enrolled and in good standing in a graduate program with at least one full year left in their program.
2. Applicants must be student affiliates of SoAP. Applicants who are not SoAP student affiliates should apply for membership online (<http://www.addictionpsychology.org>) prior to submitting their submission materials or include a student affiliate application as part of the grant submission materials. Applications will not be considered if the applicant has not applied for membership by the application deadline.
3. Applicants must have the proposal approved by a faculty advisor prior to submitting their application and must submit a letter of support from the faculty advisor.

PROCESS:

1. The SoAP Grant Review Committee will examine all applications for eligibility and review the application packet in accordance with guidelines specified below. The application packet must include:
 - A. The SoAP Student Research Grant Application Form. NOTE: Please submit typed responses. Do NOT submit hand-written responses on the SRG Application Form.
 - B. 1-page **maximum** typed single-spaced cover letter describing research interests,

experience, division involvement (if any), and career aspirations.

- C. 250-word abstract that briefly describes the project's broad, long-term objectives and specific aims, as well as a brief description of the research design and methods for achieving the aims.
- D. 3-page **maximum** summary of the research including an explanation of research design, other important aspects of the project, and a brief justification of proposed use of funds (i.e., budget). Figures or tables may be included **only** if they can be incorporated into the 3-page research summary. Title pages and references do not count towards the 3-page maximum. The format of the application is based on current guidelines for NIH applications (i.e., single spaced, 11-point font, 0.5 inch margins). All applications must include the following components (No more than 3 pages total):
 - a. **Specific Aims:** Describe concisely what the proposed research is intended to accomplish. This should include a statement of the project's hypotheses with clear research objectives and milestones towards testing the hypotheses.
 - b. **Importance of the Research (previously Significance and Innovation):** Addresses the importance of the proposed research in the context of current scientific challenges and opportunities, either for advancing knowledge within the field, or more broadly. Will the application address an important gap in knowledge in the field, solve a critical problem, or create a valuable conceptual or technical advance? This also establishes the rationale for undertaking the study, the rigor of the scientific background for the work (e.g., prior literature and/or preliminary data) and whether the scientific background justifies the proposed study. Finally, does the proposed work apply novel concepts, methods or technologies or use existing concepts, methods, technologies in novel ways, to enhance the overall impact of the project?
 - c. **Rigor and Feasibility (previously Approach):** This criterion examines the scientific quality of the proposed work. What is the likelihood that compelling, reproducible findings will result (rigor) and will the proposed studies be done well and within the timeframes proposed (feasibility)? Rigor includes aspects like adequate sample size (for this mechanism), appropriate measures, good study design, examination of potential confounders, and potential generalizability of the results. Feasibility is primarily focused on whether the proposed approach is sound and achievable and can include plans to address problems or new challenges that emerge in the work.
 - d. **Expertise and Resources (previously Investigators and Environment):** Does the student researcher have demonstrated background, training, and expertise, as appropriate for their career stage, to lead the proposed work? Are the institutional resources (particularly in terms of mentoring) appropriate to ensure the successful execution of the proposed work?
 - e. **Detailed Budget:** The \$1000.00 must be used to support expenses that are directly related to the research (e.g., computer time, animal care, equipment, participant compensation); it may **not** be used for tuition, additional salary, travel, or personal expenses.
 - f. **Additional Review Considerations:**
 - Briefly describe human or animal subject protection plans. Funding is contingent upon IRB or IACUC approval. However, approval is not needed prior to submission.

- List other sources of funding that will support this project, if any.
- E. 2-page **maximum** Curriculum Vitae with training, research, publication, and presentation experience.
- F. 1-page **maximum** letter of recommendation from your academic advisor or professor. This letter should include details regarding: What is the student's unique contribution to the proposed study? Will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Are the institutional support, equipment, and other resources available to the investigators adequate for the project proposed?
2. The application packet files must be saved as a single PDF document and emailed to the Student Research Grant Committee (div50research@gmail.com) **no later than 11:59pm EST on May 1st**. Each applicant will receive email confirmation that his/her materials were received and should keep a copy of the submitted materials. **Applications that do not follow the guidelines above will not be considered.**
 3. Grant recipients will be announced each year in August. Funds will be provided directly to students following the announcement of the award recipients.
 4. Each grant recipient must submit a 1-page Follow-Up Report co-signed by their primary graduate advisor to the SoAP specifying how the funds are being used by May 1st the year following award disbursement.
 5. Grant recipients are required to attend one meeting of either the American Psychological Association (APA) or the Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction (CPA) to present the findings from the funded study 1-2 years after receiving the award. For example, if a student is awarded funds in August 2025, they can present at APA or CPA in 2026 - 2028. **NOTE:** It is the grant recipient's responsibility to submit their findings through the standard application process for APA or CPA. SoAP will NOT submit materials on the behalf of awardees.
 6. Grant recipients are required to provide service to the SoAP by volunteering at the meeting of either the American Psychological Association (APA) or Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction (CPA) 1-2 years after receiving the award (i.e., in the year that they are presenting study findings).
 7. Each grant recipient must submit a 1-page Final Report to the SoAP specifying how the funds were used by May 1st two years following award disbursement. The Final Report should highlight any publications, presentations, and/or external grant proposals that have resulted from the funded project. The report must be co-signed by the student's primary graduate advisor.
 8. Optional disclosure of whether the applicant identifies as a marginalized or underrepresented group will be added to the application, as well as disclosure of whether the research being proposed targets marginalized or underrepresented groups.

Society of Addiction Psychology Student Research Grant Application Form

Deadline: Emailed by 11:59PM EST on May 1

TITLE OF APPLICATION: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name (Last, First, and Middle Initial): _____

Mailing Address (complete street address, city, state, ZIP):

Daytime Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Advisor: _____

Name of Department: _____

Name of University/College: _____

Address of University/College (complete street address, city, state, ZIP):

Degree seeking: ☐BA ☐BS ☐MA ☐MS ☐PhD ☐PsyD Other: _____

Expected Date of Degree Conferral: _____

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Are you currently a student affiliate of SoAP? ☐Yes ☐No*

*If no, have you included the required SoAP student affiliate application? ☐Yes ☐No

Applicant's Signature: _____

Diversity Specific Information (optional)

As part of the diversity-selected award, please disclose the following information **about yourself**, *as far as your feel comfortable doing so*:

Ethnic Category:

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Not Hispanic or Latino
☐ Another option not listed here _____

Racial Category:

- ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native
☐ Asian
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.
☐ Black or African American
☐ White
☐ More Than One Race
☐ Another option not listed here _____

Veteran: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Do not wish to respond

Gender:

- ☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Transgender Male to Female
☐ Transgender Female to Male
☐ Genderqueer
☐ Non-binary
☐ Do not wish to respond
☐ Another option not listed here _____

Sexual Orientation:

- ☐ Heterosexual/straight
☐ Gay
☐ Lesbian
☐ Bisexual
☐ Pansexual
☐ Asexual
☐ Demisexual
☐ Do not wish to respond
☐ Another option not listed here _____

In addition, for the purposes of the diversity selected award, we ask the following information be disclosed **of the participants from whom you plan to target data collection**:

Ethnic Category:

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Not Hispanic or Latino
☐ Another option not listed here _____

Racial Category:

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☐ Asian
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☐ Black or African American
☐ White
☐ More Than One Race
☐ Another option not listed here _____

Veteran: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Do not wish to respond

Gender:

- ☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Transgender Male to Female
☐ Transgender Female to Male
☐ Genderqueer
☐ Non-binary
☐ Do not wish to respond
☐ Another option not listed here _____

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☐ Bisexual
☐ Pansexual
☐ Asexual
☐ Demisexual
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

DEADLINE: Complete applications must be received by **11:59 EST on May 1**

SUBMISSION INFORMATION: Please include the following with your application package, assembled in a single PDF document in the following order.

- A. Signed Society of Addiction Psychology Student Research Grant Application Form.
- B. 1-pg. maximum cover letter detailing research interests, experience, Division 50 involvement (if any), and career plans.
- C. 250-word abstract.
- D. 3-pg. maximum summary of research, including budget details.
- E. 2-pg. maximum abbreviated Curriculum Vitae.
- F. 1-pg. maximum letter of recommendation from advisor or professor.

All applicants must be Student Affiliates of APA Division 50 or must have applied for affiliate status on or before the May 1st application deadline.

Please ensure that all necessary application materials are included in your PDF document. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Remember to keep a completed copy of all application materials for your files. Email your complete package to the SoAP Grant Review Committee (div50research@gmail.com) and address all correspondence (including questions) with subject line "SoAP Student Research Grant."

TIMELINE FOR APPLICATION REVIEW AND FUND DISBURSEMENT:

