Wayne F. Placek Small Grants for Scientific Research on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues
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The American Psychological Foundation (APF) requests proposals for Wayne F. Placek Small Grants. Small Grants provide money for empirical research consistent with the Wayne F. Placek Fund’s goal of encouraging scientific research to increase the general public’s understanding of homosexuality and to alleviate the stress that gay men and lesbians experience in this and future civilizations.

Proposals are invited for empirical research from all fields of the behavioral and social sciences. Proposals are especially encouraged for empirical studies that address issues related to prejudice, discrimination, and violence based on sexual orientation; challenges faced by gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals because of their sexual orientation; and groups that have historically been underrepresented in scientific research.

Eligibility

All applicants (including coinvestigators) must have a doctoral-level degree (e.g., Ph.D., Psy.D., MD). All research involving human subjects must have been approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) from the Principal Investigator’s institution when the application is submitted.

Awards

Up to $5,000 may be requested for any expenses legitimately associated with conducting an empirical research project. It is expected that applicants will propose a study that can be completed within one year. Funds will not normally be provided for travel to professional meetings, manuscript preparation, or stipends or salary for the PI or coinvestigators. The Award does not pay any institutional indirect costs.

Application Procedures

All proposals must be neatly typed (letter or laser-print quality), with one-inch margins, single-spaced, with at least a 12-point type face or font. Applications exceeding the specified page limits will not be reviewed. Do not submit appendices to the application.

There are no preprinted application forms. The completed application must include the following:

- A cover sheet with (a) the proposal title; (b) name and highest academic degree of the principal investigator, or PI; (c) PI’s institutional affiliation and rank/title; (d) PI’s mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address; (e) name, highest academic degree, affiliation, and rank/title, of coinvestigators, if any; and (f) an abstract of up to 200 words summarizing the proposed research. Applications from two or more investigators must designate one individual as the PI.
- A description of the project’s (a) goals and research question; (b) theoretical rationale; (c) research methodology and analytical procedures; (d) procedures for protecting participants; and (e) relevance to the goals of the Placek Fund, as stated above. (3 pages maximum)
- A list of references cited. (1 page maximum)
- Brief vita for the PI and any coinvestigators, including educational background and relevant publications. (2 pages maximum per investigator)
- Documentation of the project’s approval by the IRB or Human Subjects Committee at the PI’s institution, if data will be collected from human participants. (Must be submitted with application)
- A budget listing all planned expenditures and briefly explaining each budget item. Clearly state the total amount requested. Indicate whether funds will be issued to the PI or the PI’s institution if the project is selected for funding. If funds are issued to the PI’s institution, official documentation that the institution has agreed to waive indirect costs must be submitted with the application. If funds are issued directly to the PI, any resulting tax liabilities will be the PI’s responsibility. (1-2 pages)

Review Process and Conditions of Award

Applications will be judged for their conceptual and methodological quality; scientific and social significance; relevance to the goals of the Placek Fund; and likelihood of helping to develop the applicant’s ongoing research program on lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues. Because of the rapid response time, no feedback can be provided to individual applicants about their proposals. Applicants will simply be informed whether or not their proposal was selected for a Small Grant.

All application materials will be treated as confidential, and will be destroyed after the review process is completed. Application materials cannot be returned.

Small Grant recipients must agree to submit a written final report of their activities within 1 year of receiving funding, and to acknowledge the Placek Fund in any publications resulting from the Small Grant.

Submission and Deadline

Submit 7 copies of the application to: Placek Small Grants Program, American Psychological Foundation, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242. (202) 336-5814. E-mail: foundation@apa.org.

Completed applications must be received by January 18, 2001. Award recipients will be notified 8-10 weeks later, and funding will begin shortly thereafter.