

Call for Grant Proposals for Research to Enhance the Impact and Diversification of Psychology & Law Research

A proposal submitted to the Executive Committee of the American Psychology-Law Society on behalf of the Society's Research Committee

Call for Proposals

The American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) invites research proposals for ***Research to Enhance the Impact and Diversification of Psychology & Law Research***. The intent of this grant initiative is to advance a more interdisciplinary science that addresses understudied topics in psychology and law, as well as to broaden the discipline and amplify its practical impact. Proposed projects must investigate new or understudied topics in psychology and law, enhance the diversification of psychology and law research through novel theoretical or methodological approaches that are cross-disciplinary in nature, and/or promote the impact of research by considering novel populations or new problems or processes within the legal system; the proposed project is to include collaboration with practitioners or policymakers. Successful proposals are expected to involve projects with the potential to transform and impact the field by furthering novel lines of research inquiry and/or facilitating new cross-disciplinary collaborations.

Proposals may be submitted into one of two funding categories: Small / Seed proposals (\$1000 - \$5000 for a 12-month research period) and Large (\$15,000 - \$50,000 over a 12-18-month research period).

Funding should primarily support research activities and data collection efforts. Support for research assistants and necessary travel may be requested, but should not constitute the majority of the requested funds. No funds can be used to support the salary of the PI or co-PI. Funds for successful proposals will be awarded to the PI's academic institution (via the institution's Office of Sponsored Research or Foundation). No institutional indirect cost recovery will be permitted, and proposals submitted for consideration by this program must not be submitted for consideration by other grant programs (including AP-LS programs). Proposals submitted but not funded in previous funding cycles may be resubmitted, but all proposals will be evaluated as new proposals.

Researchers may submit a maximum of one proposal to the large grant mechanism and one proposal to the small grant mechanism. That is, researchers can be an author or co-author on a maximum of one proposal to each of the grant categories.

Students may not be Primary Investigators on proposals, although they may be Co-Primary Investigators.

The proposals will be evaluated in a two-stage process:

Pre-proposal. Interested researchers should submit a two-page prospectus to the committee by **November 15** at 11:59pm EST. The prospectus should contain one page that describes the project and a second page that addresses how the project meets the criteria of the call for proposals (see review criteria outlined below). The pre-proposal should also include a reference list (does not count toward the two page limit) and suggestions for three

proposal reviewers. Suggested reviewers should not include anyone who might have a significant conflict of interest in reviewing the proposal (defined below under “significant collaborators”).

The pre-proposal should be sent to the AP-LS Research Committee (aplsidgrants@gmail.com) and must be received by 11:59pm ET on 11/15/17.

Based on review of the pre-proposals, investigators will be notified by December 20th about whether they are invited to submit a full proposal application. Full proposal applications will be due by January 31, 2018 at 11:59pm EST.

The full proposal process. For investigators invited to submit full proposal applications, full proposal applications are due by January 31 at 11:59pm EST.

Proposals must be sent as a single PDF document, and should include:

- A cover page with title, PI and co-PI contact information and affiliations, and requested award amount/category;
- A one-page abstract that summarizes the proposed project and highlights the project’s contributions to this Research Initiative;
- A 5-page project summary (for Small/Seed grants) or a 10-page project summary (for Large grants). The summary should be single-spaced, 12-point font, Times New Roman, 1” margins) and include a rationale for the proposed project; situate the novelty of the project within the existing literature; detail the proposed methods, analytical approach, and timeline for completing the project; and specify the project’s contributions to this Research Initiative (see Full Proposal Review Criteria below);
- A two-page CV for each PI and co-PI contributing to the project, including a list of “significant collaborators” that includes dissertation and master’s thesis advisors, current and past students, co-authors within the last 5 years, editors who have edited a book in which you have a chapter published, and authors who have published in a book you have edited;
- A proposed budget that details anticipated expenditures and a budget justification that links the requested funds to the proposed activities;
- A statement of significant financial interest that discloses whether the researchers have significant financial interest in the outcome of the research proposal.

All submitted proposals will be reviewed by the AP-LS Research Committee and selected proposals will be recommended for funding to the AP-LS Executive Committee. External (ad hoc) peer-review of proposals will be solicited to facilitate the review process. Awards will be made following the March AP-LS annual meeting. This program is a pilot program that will be evaluated after the first two funding cycles (2016-2017 and 2017-2018).

PIs of funded projects are expected to submit annual and final reports to the AP-LS Research Committee Chair that details the activities, findings, and budget expenditures associated with the proposed research. PIs also will be asked to present their findings at

the AP-LS annual meeting during a special poster session highlighting this research initiative; the PI or members of the collaborating research team may also submit a symposium or individual paper to be reviewed in accordance with the normal conference review process.

Full Proposal Review Criteria include:

- 1) *Contribution to the Research Initiative.* To what extent and in what ways does the proposal contribute to the AP-LS Research Initiative? The specific criteria used ask to what extent does the proposal: a) investigate new or understudied topics in psychology and law; b) promote the impact of research by considering novel populations; c) use approaches that are cross-disciplinary in nature; d) enhance the diversification of psychology and law research through novel theoretical approaches; e) promote the impact of research by considering new problems or processes; f) enhance the diversification of psychology and law research through novel methodological approaches; g) further novel lines of research that have the potential to be transformative and impactful to the field; and h) facilitate new cross disciplinary collaborations to be transformative and impactful to the field?
- 2) *Contribution to the field of psychology and law.* What is the overall contribution to the field of psychology and law? Does this proposal have potential to contribute to advancing knowledge within the field and/or transforming policy or practice??
- 3) *Scientific quality of the proposal.* What is the scientific merit of the proposal? Is the proposal methodologically appropriate, thorough, and rigorous? Is the analytical approach appropriate? Is the timeline realistic?
- 4) *Overall rating.* What is the overall assessment of the proposal? What is the funding recommendation?