



American Psychology-Law Society

Funding Program to Enhance the Impact and
Diversification of Psychology & Law Research

Request for Grant 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. Proposals 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, to include collaboration with practitioners or policymakers. Successful proposals are expected to facilitate new cross-disciplinary collaborations and/or to further novel lines of research inquiry that have the potential to be transformative and impactful to the field.

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 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.

Complete proposals should be sent to the Chair of the AP-LS Research Committee (llevett@ufl.edu) and must be received by 5:00pm EST on 11/1/16. All submitted proposals will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the AP-LS Research Committee and/or Interdisciplinary Committee (coordinated with the larger committees) and recommended to the AP-LS Executive Committee. External (ad hoc) peer-review of proposals will be solicited to facilitate the review process. Potential conflicts of interest (e.g., co-authorship in the past 24 months, common institutional affiliations) will be managed by the Chair of the Research and Interdisciplinary Grant Committees. Reviewer feedback will be provided to all submissions, and awards will be made following the March AP-LS meetings. This

program is a pilot program that will be evaluated after the first two funding cycles (2016-2017 and 2017-2018).

Successful proposers 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 American Psychology-Law Society's annual meeting during a special poster session highlighting this research initiative; the research committee or individual presenters may also submit a paper session or individual paper to be reviewed in accordance with the normal conference review process.

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

- A cover page with title, PI and co-PI contact information, 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; single-spaced, 12-point font, 1" margins) that includes a rationale for the proposed project; situates the novelty of the project within the existing literature; details the proposed methods, analytical approach, and timeline for completing the project; and notes about the project's contributions to this Research Initiative;
- A two-page CV for each PI and co-PI contributing to the project; and
- A proposed budget that details anticipated expenditures and a budget justification that links the requested funds to the proposed activities.
- A list of suggested reviewers and any reviewers not to include.

Review criteria will include:

- 1) *Contribution to the Research Initiative.* To what extent and in what ways does the proposal contribute to the AP-LS Research Initiative?
- 2) *Contribution to the field of psychology and law.* Does this proposal have potential to contribute to advancing knowledge within the field? What is the overall contribution to the field of psychology and law?
- 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 (definitely do not support, support if funds are available, worthy of support, highly worthy of support)?