

American Psychological Association Science Directorate's Dissertation Research Award

Description of Award

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 3 grants of \$10,000 each and 7 grants of \$5,000 each to students whose dissertation research reflects excellence in scientific psychology.

Looking for additional information? Try this link:

- [APA Dissertation Research Award](#)

Eligibility

- Advanced graduate students in psychology
 - Must have successfully proposed dissertation, but not defended dissertation, before application due date
 - Graduate students outside of psychology are eligible if they can demonstrate that they are writing a psychological science dissertation and their graduate course of study has been primarily psychological in nature.
- Must be student affiliates or associate members of the American Psychological Association
 - If you are not currently a member, you can apply to join APA as a student affiliate
- Open to applicants and institutions in any country
- You are not eligible if you've previously received this award
- *Note:* Each psychology department may endorse no more than three (3) students per year for the APA Dissertation Research 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.

Full list of eligibility requirements: [APA Dissertation Research Award - Eligibility](#)

Funds Provided

- Direct research costs up to \$10,000 (3 grants awarded) or \$5,000 (7 grants awarded)
 - The award may not be used for indirect costs (e.g., tuition, travel, lab assistant salary, consultant fees, or personal expenses).
- Travel funds to present work at annual APA conference (\$1,500)

Deadlines

February 1st, September 1st

Important notes: The APA Dissertation Award limits the number of applications to 3 students from each Psychology department. Please contact your advisor and the chair of your department ahead of time to prepare. Some universities will create a nominating committee to review and approve 3 applications before submission to APA. Give yourself plenty of time to go through this review process. With the current deadline of September 1st, it is recommended that you contact your advisor and chair no later than August.

You will need a 1-page letter of recommendation from your dissertation advisor and a departmental endorsement to complete your application. You will not be able to submit your application until your advisor submits the recommendation letter.

Major components of application:

Cover Letter (1 page)

- Describe research interests and experience and career plans

Dissertation Research Summary (2 pages)

- Project background and rationale, an explanation of research design and other important aspects of the project.
- One additional page listing references may be included (citations should be included in the text).

Budget & Budget Justification (1 page)

- Brief explanation of proposed use of funds.
- The award must be used to support expenses that are directly related to the dissertation research. The award may not be used for indirect costs (e.g., tuition, travel, lab assistant salary, consultant fees, or personal expenses).
- Be sure to justify all expenses and detail any additional funds that will be used for the project. If the budget for the project exceeds the amount available from the award, you should describe the source of the additional funds.

Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae (2 pages)

Letter of Recommendation and Departmental Endorsement

Important Note: Must create MyAPA account to apply online. You can set this up when your materials are ready to be submitted.

Detailed application requirements: [APA Dissertation Research Award - How to Apply](#)

APA Dissertation Award recipients are typically announced in early December via email.

Awardees are required to submit a 1-page final report a year after receiving the award.

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References

<https://www.apa.org/about/awards/scidir-dissertre?tab=1>