



# SOCIETY FOR PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT

## Dissertation Grant Guidelines

Application Deadline: November 15 (each year)

The Society for Personality Assessment (SPA) will be making grants to support dissertation research in the area of personality assessment. These awards will generally be in the amount of around \$500 or less, although larger amounts will be considered. The student's dissertation proposal must have been approved by her/his committee before applying for the grant; the student must be a Student Affiliate of SPA, or may apply for Student Affiliate at the time of the Dissertation Grant application; and the proposal must be sponsored by a member of SPA. It is expected that the student will present the results of the dissertation at a forthcoming Annual Convention of SPA. Applicants may also expect to receive committee review feedback on their proposal.

Three (3) copies of the following materials should be submitted:

- A cover sheet which is attached to this announcement;
- A **maximum** of ten (10) double-spaced pages summarizing the proposed project; the proposal should include (a) purpose of the project, (b) a brief literature review specific to the study's focus, (c) hypotheses, (d) methods, procedures, research design, and planned statistical analyses (these are key sections: be specific), and (e) a brief description of the study's contribution to personality assessment.
- A one (1) page itemized budget (use Budget Page) with explicit documentation of how the grant would enhance or facilitate the proposed project; and
- A projected timeline for the proposed project that includes when the results would be presented at a midwinter convention.
- 1-2 page curriculum vitae
- Letter of support from dissertation chair
- Grants will be made: by December 15 (each year)

**Applications should be mailed to:**  
**Society for Personality Assessment**  
**6109 H Arlington Blvd.**  
**Falls Church, VA 22044**  
**703-534-4772**



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

University/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Funds Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ attest that the expenses for which funds are requested  
*(student's name)* are not covered by other funding.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ dissertation has been approved by the Committee and  
*(student's name)* supports the application for the Award.

**Chair of Dissertation Committee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I support \_\_\_\_\_ application for the Award.  
*(student's name)*

**SPA Sponsor**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is in good standing in our Program and we  
*(student's name)* support the application for this Award.

**Director of Clinical Training  
or Department Chair**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please type in the person's name where indicated. The same person may sign the different non-student sections (SPA Sponsor, Dissertation Chair, DCT or Department Chair) if appropriate).*



#### EXAMPLES OF APPLICABLE EXPENSES

Compensation of research participants

Small equipment (e.g., cameras)

Recording medium (e.g., DVDs)

Testing forms, materials, or required test scoring expenses

Computer software (e.g., test scoring software not available through institution)

Photocopying

Postage

Travel costs to project site (only if other than the student's training institution, practicum, or internship site); use your university's travel (e.g., mileage) reimbursement rates

#### EXCLUDED EXPENSES

Travel to conferences or between student's residence and their training institution

Computer equipment

Salaries or stipends

Tuition

General living expenses

Printing and binding costs