

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Graduate Student Dissertation Research Awards
APA Division 15 (Educational Psychology)

Division 15 (Educational Psychology) of APA invites graduate students who are members or affiliates of the division to apply for a dissertation research award. The purpose of the award is to provide financial support for educational psychology doctoral students preparing to collect their dissertation data.

Eligibility

Applicants must be current graduate students who are members or student affiliates of Division 15. Students from institutions large and small and from all domains relevant to the empirical study of educational psychology are encouraged to apply. **Applicants must have submitted their dissertation proposal and received their committee's approval to conduct their dissertation work.**

Information on becoming a member or affiliate of Division 15 is available from http://webbingexpress.net/apa/resources_membership.php.

Award Description and Timeline

Two grants will be awarded each year. Each grant award includes a \$1,000 stipend to be applied toward the student's dissertation research. Announcement of the grant award winners will be made at the APA convention in Washington, DC, August 2-5, 2011, during the Division 15 business meeting.

How and When to Apply

A completed application should contain the following four components, each in a separate file, along with an email correspondence from the chair of your dissertation committee:

1. A **title page** with your full contact information, an **abstract** of the proposed study, and **contact information for your dissertation chair**. Please name this file according to the following convention: **lastname_contact**.
2. A **3-4 page summary** (1,000-word maximum) that includes the title of your study, statement of the problem, research question, hypotheses, and proposed methodology (double-spaced, 12-point, Times New Roman font). Please *use Microsoft Word format only* and name this file according to the following convention: **lastname_summary.doc (or .docx)**.
3. **Your vita**. Please name this file according to the following convention: **lastname_vita**.
4. **Proof of current member or affiliate status in Division 15**. Please name this file according to the following convention: **lastname_membership**.
5. **Email verification of your current program status from your dissertation chair**. Your dissertation chair should submit verification of your program status (i.e., that you have received approval to conduct your proposal dissertation research). An email message is acceptable. Contact information is below.

Electronically submit the first four components above in one email with four separate e-mail attachments to the committee chairs, Ellen Usher, ellen.usher@uky.edu, and Martin Jones, m.jones@memphis.edu. Applicants should ask their dissertation chair to submit verification of their status separately to Ellen Usher and Martin Jones at the addresses above. Submissions must be received no later than midnight EST on **Sunday, May 1, 2011**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Students do not need to submit a proposed budget or letters of recommendation.

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on the importance of the research question, match with Division 15 goals, and quality of the proposed methodology.

Please visit <http://www.uky.edu/~eushe2/div15/#researchawards> for more information on this award.