

2018 APA SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY EARLY CAREER PILOT STUDY AWARDS

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

APA Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (SCN; Division 40) is seeking applications for its Early Career Pilot Study Awards. Two one-year grants of up to \$15,000 each (including \$1,500 to support travel to the APA Convention) are available for innovative pilot research investigations by early-career neuropsychologists in a basic science or clinical area relevant to neuropsychology and the mission of the SCN. SCN is a scientific and professional organization of psychologists interested in the study of brain-behavior relationships, and the clinical application of that knowledge to human problems (more information about SCN can be found at: <http://www.scn40.org/about-scn>).

The primary goal of the early career pilot study award is to facilitate collection of preliminary data, which could then be used to secure additional external funding for sustained research within the specified area of clinical neuropsychology.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Award is intended for investigators who are within 10 years of having completed their doctoral degree and who demonstrate a commitment to basic or clinical research in the field of neuropsychology. Candidates must:

- Be a member, associate, or student affiliate of SCN.
- Develop a research project that is innovative, feasible within the context of the one-year grant period, and has demonstrable potential to leverage additional external funding for continuing work in basic or applied neuropsychology.
- Commit to completing data collection within one year of the award date.
- Commit to presenting findings of the awarded research project at the annual APA convention within two calendar years of the award date.
- Commit to acknowledge SCN support in all presentations of data from this project as follows: "American Psychological Association Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (Division 40) Early Career Pilot Study Award."
- Commit to participate in the activities of a relevant SCN Committee (e.g., Awards, Science, Practice, Public Interest, Education)
- Identify a mentor(s) who will help facilitate the mentee's success with the project.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Completed application face page.
- Brief abstract (max. 400 words) of the proposed project.
- Detailed research plan, not to exceed four pages, including specific aims, background, significance, innovation, design, methods, project timeline/feasibility, and bibliography. The research plan should include a clear indication of the proposed project's relevance to the profession of neuropsychology.
- NIH Biosketches for PI, mentor(s), and co-investigators, listing any pending grant applications.
- Detailed budget and budget justification (Note: Travel expenses to attend the APA convention must be included in the budget, and may not exceed \$1500. If the current proposal is related to on-going research, the budget justification must address how the current funds would be used ensuring no duplication of funds from on-going or pending research support).
- Summary of resources in the applicant's setting that are available to support the proposed research.
- Letter of support from the identified mentor(s) documenting:
 - (a) the mentor's commitment to facilitate the mentee's proposed study,
 - (b) specifics about how the mentor will support and advance the proposed research project (if the applicant is a postdoc, an affirmation that the project will be carried to completion even if the applicant leaves for another institution),

- (c) the mentor's ability to provide mentorship through expertise in the proposed topic area and/or knowledge of research design and methodology, and
- (d) the feasibility of completing data collection within the one year timeline of the pilot grant.

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

In addition to assessing whether the applicant met the eligibility requirements listed above, each proposal will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Significance
 - Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field of neuropsychology?
 - How might this project advance the field of clinical neuropsychology?
 - Are the aims consistent with the overall goals of the SCN?
- Qualifications of Investigator(s)
 - Does the applicant have the appropriate experience and training to lead the study?
 - Is there a plan for effective interaction among members of the research team?
- Innovation
 - Does the project challenge or seek to shift current research/clinical paradigms by utilizing novel theoretical concepts, methodologies, instrumentations, or interventions?
- Approach
 - Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analytic plans well-reasoned and appropriate to pilot level funding?
 - Is a clear timeline and plan for completion in the one year grant period presented?
 - Is the project feasible?
 - Are potential problems and alternative strategies presented?
- Environment
 - Are the institutional support, equipment, and other resources available to the investigator(s) adequate for the project proposed?
- Budget
 - Is the budget appropriate to the proposed study?
- Human/Animal Subjects Protection
 - Was appropriate attention given to the protection of human/animal subjects?

DEADLINES AND OTHER RELEVANT DATES

- Deadline for Receipt of Applications: 11:59 PM (Eastern Time), March 1, 2018.
- Anticipated Notice of Award: April 15, 2018.
- Award Duration: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All application materials, including supporting letters, must be submitted electronically **as a single PDF file**. See contact information below and in accompanying Application Form.
- Only one proposal per applicant will be considered.
- Any scientific or fiscal overlap with other projects should be clearly delineated in the budget and associated budget justification.
- Each grant will be reviewed by 2-3 individuals who will evaluate the application using the criteria outlined above and provide scores using [NIH's 9-point scoring system](#)
- IRB approval is a precondition for the disbursement of funds to successful applicants. As applicable, the cost for obtaining IRB approval should be included in the budget.
- **Indirect costs are not allowed**. Prior to submitting an application, applicants should contact their institution's Grants Management Office to verify that this stipulation will be observed.
- Award recipients will be expected to submit a semi-annual progress report summarizing the study's progress and accounting for the use of funds.
- No-cost extensions are not permitted.

Application materials are available at <https://www.scn40.org/> (under About SCN > Committees > Science Advisory Committee). For further information, please contact:

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