

This is a \$500 grant awarded to a graduate student who is proposing to conduct an original research study that emphasizes diversity. The project has to include an original data collection, and it must be for a research project other than the student's thesis or dissertation.

For all sections of the application, use a 12-point font, single-spaced text, and no less than 1-inch margins on all sides. Tables and figures are allowed to be in smaller fonts if necessary.

Provide an abstract of the proposed research. Avoid the use of jargon and provide a context for the proposed work, including its significance and implications.

Describe clearly the significance of the proposed research for the area under study (i.e., why, and to whom, does the p.d

Funds can only be used for participant payments or the purchase of research supplies. It is recognized that \$500 is typically not enough to fund a project in psychology, so summarize other available sources of research support (e.g., your time, undergraduate research assistants) available to you to help complete the project. It is fine if the proposed research project is linked to another data collection (e.g., one in which a faculty research mentor is directing), but this should be clearly specified. Also, explain what other efforts you are making or planning to make to fund the proposed research.

Proposals are due March 1 (5:00 CST). They need to be emailed to the Director of Graduate Studies.

Proposals will be reviewed by faculty members of the department's Committee on Diversity and the SMU Psychology Doctoral Program Science Committee. The review panel will include researchers from a range of areas in psychology. Thus, the proposal should be written so that it can be read and understood by someone who is not an expert in the field of the proposed research.

The proposals will be reviewed along the following dimensions, many of which are derived from review criteria of federal agencies that fund extramural research (e.g., NIH, NSF). Applications that are strong in each of these are more likely to be scored highly.

- Significance of the proposed research
- The rigor and quality of the research methods (i.e., conception, definitions, organization, research design, measurement and proposed statistical analyses when relevant)
- Consistency with the department's mission on diversity
- Consistency and fit with the applicant's overall research plan and the quality of the applicant's previous work
- Feasibility of the proposed project
- Overall Impact: An assessment of the application as a whole, after considering all of the above review criteria together