

## Society of Addiction Psychology Early Career Psychologist (ECP) Research Grant

The Society of Addiction Psychology (SoAP; Division 50 of the American Psychological Association) offers the ECP Research Grant Program to support ECP research in addiction psychology. This year, SoAP will award up to **two ECP Research Grants of up to \$5000.00 each**. At least one award will aim to advance equity and social justice, serve marginalized communities, and/or support trainees of historically underrepresented backgrounds. Aligning with NIH-defined disadvantaged backgrounds (<https://extramural-diversity.nih.gov/diversity-matters/disadvantaged-backgrounds>), diversity dimensions include (but are not limited to) race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, differently abled, were or currently are homeless, were or currently are in the foster care system, were eligible for federal free or reduced lunch program, have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree (first-generation college students), were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants, received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child, or grew up in a U.S. rural area or a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas.

These annual awards will be presented to ECPs whose research reflects excellence in addiction psychology and will be evaluated on the criteria detailed below. The award winners will be **required to attend and present the study's findings at either the annual APA Conference or the Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction meeting after the study's conclusion**. As part of the award, recipients' meeting registration fee will be waived and they will receive up to \$500.00 in travel funds. This travel allocation is in addition to the allotted \$5000.00 and does not need to be deducted from the project's budget. Federal funding for the same or similar project precludes SoAP funding.

**DEADLINE: All application materials must be submitted no later than 11:59PM EST on September 30th.**

### ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicants must be within 10 years' receipt of their doctorate.
2. Applicants must be either a Member/Fellow/Associate or Professional Affiliate of SoAP. Applicants who are not SoAP members should apply for membership online at [www.apa.org/divapp](http://www.apa.org/divapp). For more information on membership, also see <http://www.addictionpsychology.org>

### PROCESS:

1. The SoAP ECP Research Grant Committee will examine all applications for eligibility and review the application packet in accordance with guidelines specified below. **Please aim to avoid redundancy throughout the application and use your space limitations wisely.** The application packet must include:
  - A. The SoAP ECP Research Grant Application Form.
  - B. Cover letter: 1-page **maximum** typed single-spaced cover letter describing research interests, experience, division involvement (if any), career aspirations, and (if relevant) fit for the diversity award.
  - C. Abstract: 250-word abstract that briefly describes the project's broad, long-term objectives and specific aims, as well as a brief description of the research design and methods for achieving the aims. If awarded, the abstract will be posted on Division 50's website and/or the TAN. Please keep this in mind when submitting.
  - D. Research Plan: 3-page **maximum** summary of the research including an explanation of research design and other important aspects of the project described below. Figures or tables may be included **only** if they can be incorporated into the 3-page research summary. Title pages and references do not count towards the 3-page maximum. The format of the application is based on current guidelines for NIH applications (i.e., single spaced, no less than 11-point font, 0.5 inch margins). All applications must include the following components (3 pages total):

1. **Specific Aims:** Describe concisely what the proposed research is intended to accomplish. This should include a statement of the project's hypotheses with clear research objectives and milestones towards testing the hypotheses.
  2. **Importance of the Research (previously Significance and Innovation):** Addresses the importance of the proposed research in the context of current scientific challenges and opportunities, either for advancing knowledge within the field, or more broadly. Will the application address an important gap in knowledge in the field, solve a critical problem, or create a valuable conceptual or technical advance? This also establishes the rationale for undertaking the study, the rigor of the scientific background for the work (e.g., prior literature and/or preliminary data) and whether the scientific background justifies the proposed study. Finally, does the proposed work apply novel concepts, methods or technologies or use existing concepts, methods, technologies in novel ways, to enhance the overall impact of the project?
  3. **Rigor and Feasibility (previously Approach):** This criterion examines the scientific quality of the proposed work. What is the likelihood that compelling, reproducible findings will result (rigor) and will the proposed studies be done well and within the timeframes proposed (feasibility)? Rigor includes aspects like adequate sample size (for this mechanism), appropriate measures, good study design, examination of potential confounders, and potential generalizability of the results. Feasibility is primarily focused on whether the proposed approach is sound and achievable and can include plans to address problems or new challenges that emerge in the work.
  4. **Expertise and Resources (previously Investigators and Environment):** Does the student researcher have demonstrated background, training, and expertise, as appropriate for their career stage, to lead the proposed work? Are the institutional resources (particularly in terms of mentoring) appropriate to ensure the successful execution of the proposed work?
- A. Human or animal subject protection plan (250-word limit): This section should include any anticipated risks to participants, protections against risks, and the consent/assent processes.
  - B. Timeline: A monthly timeline indicating what will occur over the course of the grant is required. This should be presented in table format.
  - C. Detailed budget and justification (150-word limit): The \$5000.00 must be used to support expenses that are directly related to the research (e.g., computer time, animal care, equipment, participant compensation). It may **not** be used for tuition, additional salary, travel, or personal expenses. List other sources of funding that will support this project, if any. *No part of the ECP grant funds can be used for indirect costs or institutional overhead. Indirect costs include, but are not limited to, administrative costs of the university and the usual criteria established for grant overhead or other costs, such as laboratory space. Grant money must be devoted to the active research project. The grantee determines how they would like to spend the money, based on their research project, which has been approved by Division 50 of the American Psychological Association. Institutions may not deduct any fees from this allowance without the grantor's approval. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their organization will allow such a submission. If you have any questions on how the money may be spent, please contact the ECP representative at [div50ecp@gmail.com](mailto:div50ecp@gmail.com).*
  - D. Biosketch in NIH approved format (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>). If available include a link to your NCBI bibliography.
  - E. 1-page **maximum** letter of recommendation from a faculty mentor, department chair, colleague, etc.
2. The application packet files must be saved as one PDF document and emailed to the ECP Research Grant Committee ([div50ECP@gmail.com](mailto:div50ECP@gmail.com)) **no later than 11:59pm EST on September 30<sup>th</sup>**. In the email subject line, enter "ECP Research Grant Committee." Each applicant should keep a copy of the submitted materials. Applications that do not follow the guidelines above will not be considered.

3. Award recipients will be **announced in November or December each year**. Funds will be provided directly following the announcement of the award recipients.
4. Each award recipient must submit a **1-page progress by June 1<sup>st</sup> the following year**. If an extension is necessary, progress reports are due annually on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Award recipients are required to submit an abstract for the following year's APA or CPA meeting, in order to present the findings from the funded study. For example, if the award is given in December 2023, the awardee must submit an abstract in 2024, for presentation at the 2025 conference.

## Society of Addiction Psychology ECP Research Grant Application Form

**Deadline:** Emailed by 11:59PM EST on September 30<sup>th</sup>

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>
<b>Name (first, middle initial, and last):</b>
<b>Mailing Address (complete street address, city, state, ZIP):</b>
<b>Daytime Phone Number(s):</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>
<b>Name of Department:</b>
<b>Name of University/College:</b>
<b>Address of University/College:</b>
<b>Degree(s):</b> PhD / PsyD / other ( <i>please specify</i> )
<b>Date of Degree Conferral:</b>
<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b>
<b>Title:</b>
<b>Name of Recommendation Letter Writer:</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION</b>
<b>Are you currently a member/affiliate of SoAP?</b> Yes / No
<i>If yes, please give your APA member or affiliate #:</i>
<i>If no, have you submitted a SoAP member or affiliate application?</i> Yes / No
<b>DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS</b>
<b>Do you identify as a member of a diverse or underrepresented group?</b> Yes / No
<i>If yes, please specify/self-define (optional):</i>

**Applicant's Signature:**

## Application Check List

**DEADLINE:** Complete applications must be received by **11:59 EST on September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

Please include the following with your application package, assembled in PDF format in the following order:

- ☐ Signed application form
- ☐ Cover letter detailing research interests, experience, division involvement (if any), career aspirations, and (if relevant) fit for the diversity award (1 page max)
- ☐ Abstract (250-word limit)
- ☐ Summary of research (3 pages max)
- ☐ Human or animal subject protection plan (250 word limit)
- ☐ Timeline (table format)
- ☐ Detailed budget (150 word limit)
- ☐ Biosketch in NIH format (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>)
- ☐ Letter of recommendation (1 page max)
- ☐ Saved as one PDF

Please ensure that all necessary application materials are included in your PDF packet. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Remember to keep a completed copy of all application materials for your files. Email your complete package to SoAP ECP Research Grant Committee, and address all correspondence (including questions) with subject “SoAP ECP Research Grant Committee.” Email: [div50ECP@gmail.com](mailto:div50ECP@gmail.com)

*Timeline for application review and fund disbursement*

