

**SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY
SHAPIRO MID-CAREER GRANT AWARDS**

Request For Applications, Due August 1, (CURRENT YEAR) 5PM Eastern Time

1. Purpose of Shapiro Mid-Career Grant Awards

The purpose of the Society of School Psychology Shapiro Mid-Career Grant Awards is to promote excellence in research for mid-career researchers studying school psychology. The primary purpose is to facilitate obtaining federal research funding for a successful mid-career professional. Although not all quality proposals submitted can be funded, each applicant will receive constructive feedback to guide future submissions.

2. Eligibility

- Investigators eligible for this initiative are defined as those between two and ten years post-tenure and currently at the rank of Associate Professor or equivalent. For those not in an academic position, eligible applicants would need to be the equivalent number of years post-degree, usually between 10-17 years post doctoral degree.
- Shapiro Mid-Career Scholars will have not been successful in seeking external funding for projects budgeted at \$100,000 per year or greater, but need to have shown evidence of movement toward the grant application process.
- To be eligible, a Shapiro Mid-Career Scholar will have an existing and defined program of research in school psychology (at least 12 research articles in a coherent area of research published in peer review journals)

3. Mentorship Requirements

A senior researcher with expertise in the applicant's area of study will work with the applicant to prepare and submit for research funding. This will involve mentorship activities including brainstorming research questions and design considerations, reading drafts of proposals, and preparation of presentations and/or manuscripts.

4. Award Funding

Awardees will receive travel support to meet with their senior mentor two times per year. This will include support for two years of funding for both to travel to one annual conference (i.e., NASP, APA or CDSPP; up to \$1,500) and funding for the mentor or mentee to travel to the other's institution each year (up to \$1,000). For applicants who submit a research grant with the mentee as the PI during the first two years, similar funding will be provided for a third year with additional support for travel to a second conference to present research (pending approval by Director of Research). The submitted proposal should be for funding with direct costs that are at least \$50,000 per

year and funding decisions made by peer review. To receive approval for the third year the scholar must send a copy of the full grant proposal to the Director of Research and request the additional year.

5. Evaluation Criteria

Every application will have to meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicant is between two and ten years post-tenure and currently at the rank of Associate Professor or equivalent. (For those not in an academic position, the individual would need to be the equivalent number of years post-degree, usually between 10-17 years post-doctoral degree.)
- Has not been successful in seeking external funding for projects budgeted at \$100,000 or greater per year
- Shown evidence of movement toward the grant application process
- Has an existing and defined program of research (at least 12 research articles in a coherent area of research published in peer review journals)

All eligible applications will be scored on the following:

- Area of research is well defined and reflected by applicant's research activity
- The area of research is likely to be viewed favorably by federal funders (e.g., NIH, IES, NSF).
- There is an available mentor

6. Submission Instructions and Notification of Awards.

Applications are due by August 1, 2017. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by November 30, 2017. The length of award will be two years with an additional year available pending approval by Director of Research (see above). The start date will be January 1, 2018. The complete application should be converted to a single pdf file with the sections organized in the order listed in the attached application, and emailed to **Chair email address** by **5:00 pm Eastern Time August 1, 2017**. The file should be labeled with the applicant's name, followed by the mentor's name and the date (e.g., Doe_Beckman_10-1-2014.pdf).

7. Reporting Requirements.

Award recipients are required to send a progress report annually (by January 31 each year) to the Director of Research and Practice describing activities and progress during the year. The Director of Research will provide awardees with a template for the report.

8. Chair of Shapiro Mid-Career Awards Selection Committee is Dr. George DuPaul gjd3@lehigh.edu

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APPLICATION FOR SHAPIRO MID-CAREER RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Applicant Name:
Current Rank:
Years Post Degree:

Current Institutional Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

Email Contact Information:

Phone:

Date Submitted:

Describe the content of your current research program for which you believe external funding would be possible (no more than 1,000 words)

What publications have emerged from that research program?

Describe your future plans for research in this area.

Describe your current efforts at obtaining external funding for your research program.

Identify at least two senior scholars in the field who you believe would be excellent mentors for your research (these individuals do not need to be members of SSSP and cannot be at the same institution as the applicant)

Attach current full curriculum vitae.

Send to:

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