Student Research Experience Award

The CCCR recognizes that undergraduate and graduate students benefit from culturally-relevant research experiences. This award is intended to enhance and support the training of students as cultural researchers within psychology.

Funding Guidelines

- **Eligibility:**
  - Student Affiliates of the Center
    - Students outside of Psychology should contact the CCCR Director and explain the psychological nature of their proposed activity
  - Students may seek funding within one year of graduation for research that was conducted while at WWU.
  - All awards must be sponsored by an Associate of the CCCR.
  - All grants that include summer stipends for any study personnel must be submitted by May 1.
  - Applications that include travel funds must indicate that they have already/will use Department funds first.

- **Process:**
  - Award Application
    - As a preliminary step, students should complete a draft of the Student Research Experience Award Application (see below).
    - Students are encouraged to revise the Application in collaboration with a faculty member who will serve as the Associate Sponsor for the Award.
  - Associate Sponsorship
    - All awards must be sponsored by an Associate of the CCCR
      - Sponsorship often emerges from ongoing student-Associate research
      - If the Application is not directly related to ongoing student-Associate research, students should seek out an Associate (based on research interests, prior relationship, etc.), present the Award Application draft, and request sponsorship.
    - In addition to providing assistance with the revision of the Application, the Associate sponsor shall provide a letter of support regarding the proposed Student Research Experience.

- **There are two tiers of funding:**
  - Up to $500 is available for Center-related student research (e.g., participant payment, conference travel, etc.), with no official Center presentation required.
  - An additional $500 is available for research-related expenses that involve the collection of data (original to the student’s interests). Application for these funds requires a presentation to the Center, with students submitting an abstract of their proposal one week before the scheduled meeting at which they are presenting.
Applications should include the connection between the project and the Center mission.

- Eligible Expenditures
  - Research-related materials, training, & travel
  - Participation payment
  - Travel for dissemination of research (e.g., conferences)

- Evaluation and Decision
  - Applications require review by the Director and one AB member (on a rotating basis).
  - Award recipients are expected to share the details of their experience at a future Center meeting.

**Student Research Experience Award Application Instructions**

Applications should not exceed 5 pages, (excluding references) and must include a(n):

1) Detailed description of the research experience:
   - Dates, location, relevant organization(s)
   - What is the applicant’s role in the experience (participant, presenter, researcher, etc.)
   - What is the *cultural* basis of this experience?
     - What are the relevant cultural and variables and processes?
   - What is the *research* basis of this experience?
     - If data collection is involved, how does the project involve systematic observation that establishes and respects relationships between researchers and participants?
   - What is the *psychological* component of the experience?
     - If data collection is involved, what are the mental and behavioral processes that can be observed within and between individuals in terms of their understanding of themselves and the world
     - If data collection is not involved, how will this experience enhance the applicant’s understanding of cultural research?
   - Is the *methodology* suitable to answer the questions?
     - Is the methodology clearly described, and has the applicant explained why this particular methodology is appropriate? Is the methodology suitable to address the question(s) posed?

2) Best Practices in Open Science
   - Applicants must confirm that the study is/will be pre-registered (e.g., on OSF).
   - Applicants must confirm that the data from the project will be made publicly available unless there is a clear obstacle that cannot be overcome.
   - Applicants must confirm that the analytic methods and code for analyses will be made publicly available.
   - Applicants must confirm that the research materials for the project will be made publicly available unless there is a clear obstacle that cannot be overcome.
   - See here for a primer on Open Science practices.

3) Applicants must confirm that an ethics application has been submitted, or will be submitted before funds are used (if applicable).
4) References for work cited

5) Proposed expenditures
   a) How will the award money be spent? What is the justification for each expenditure?
   b) What additional sources of funding have been sought/awarded?

6) A letter of support from an Associate Sponsor