



American Philosophical Association

Request for Proposals: Diversity & Inclusiveness in Philosophy

Purpose

The American Philosophical Association, in keeping with its mission and goals and the association's longstanding commitment to addressing philosophy's serious lack of demographic diversity, will make available up to \$20,000 in fiscal year 2018 to fund projects aiming to increase the presence and participation of women, racial and ethnic minorities, LGBT people, people with disabilities, people of low socioeconomic status, and other underrepresented groups in philosophy.

As the APA operates primarily in the US and Canada, programs must have a clear application to diversity in a US/Canada context. The board wishes to express its particular interest in supporting programs that explicitly address more than one type of diversity (e.g., gender *and* race/ethnicity).

Funding Guidelines

All APA members are invited to submit proposals.

Proposals totaling approximately \$10,000 or \$20,000 are strongly preferred, as the board of the association anticipates funding either one \$20,000 project or two \$10,000 projects. Proposals for \$20,000 projects are encouraged to include an alternate project description and budget at the \$10,000 level.

The APA normally funds projects for only one year at a time, but welcomes applications for renewal funding in subsequent years.

The board of officers will review proposals and make funding decisions in November 2017, so proposed projects should commence no earlier than January 1, 2018. Funding will be disbursed in the first half of calendar year 2018.

The specific criteria on which proposals will be evaluated include the following:

- Overall quality of the project
- Project addresses an important issue for the profession
- Project will benefit the profession beyond host institution(s)
- Project has a clear application to diversity in a US/Canada context
- Project has realistic and appropriate goals and timeline
- Project has a reasonable and sufficiently detailed budget
- Project has laid appropriate groundwork for success
- Project includes an appropriate accessibility plan

- Project requests seed funding and/or demonstrates capacity to be financially sustainable in the long term
- Project has secured local and/or external support

Application Instructions

Proposals must be submitted via the [online grant submission form](#) no later than **June 30, 2017**.

Proposals must be submitted as a **single PDF file** and must include the following:

- Project title and abstract (150 words maximum)
- Primary contact name (must be an APA member) and contact information
- Project description — *Describe the project itself as well as how it benefits the profession and fulfills its stated purpose.*
- Project goals and timeline
- Detailed project budget
- Total amount requested from the APA (approximately \$10,000 or \$20,000)
- Total amount requested and received from other funding sources
- Evidence that the project coordinators are actively seeking alternate sources for future funding
- Accessibility plan
- Detailed evaluation plan

We strongly recommend that applicants use our [standard application](#). Applicants not using this application form must clearly label the sections of their proposal to correspond with the sections on the application form.

Reporting Requirements

The successful proposal(s) will be required to submit a report for the fall 2018 meeting of the APA board of officers.

If the project has been completed at that time, this report must include a detailed budget explaining how the APA funds were spent and an evaluation, in keeping with the proposal's evaluation plan, of whether and to what extent the project achieved its goals.

If the project has not yet been completed in time to report to the fall 2018 board meeting, a progress report must be submitted at that time, with a final report as described above at the conclusion of the project, no later than the fall 2019 board meeting.

Repeat Funding

The APA strongly prefers to provide seed funding to new projects, but proposals for renewed funding of projects previously funded by the APA will also be accepted. Proposals for renewed funding must convincingly demonstrate that the program is (a) achieving the goals set out in previous funding requests, and (b) on a path to financial sustainability independent of support from the APA.

Additional Information

Direct all inquiries related to this RFP to grants@apaonline.org.