American Philosophical Association

Request for Proposals: Diversity & Inclusiveness in Philosophy

Background

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 2015 funding for 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. All APA members are invited to submit proposals for funding to be disbursed in the first half of calendar year 2015.

Funding Guidelines

Proposals totaling approximately $10,000 or $20,000 are encouraged, 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.

Proposals for both one-time and multi-year grants will be accepted. No proposal will be funded for longer than three years at a time.

The board of officers will review proposals and make funding decisions in November 2014, so we recommend proposed projects commence no earlier than January 1, 2015.

Application Instructions

Proposals must be submitted via the online grant submission form no later than August 31, 2014. Proposals must be submitted as a single PDF file and must include the following:

- Project title
- Primary contact name (must be an APA member) and contact information
- Project description
- 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**.

Reporting Requirements

The successful proposal(s) will be required to submit a report for the fall 2015 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 2015 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 2016 board meeting.

Repeat Funding

The APA normally prefers to provide seed funding to new and innovative projects, but proposals for renewed funding of projects previously funded by the APA are also welcome. Proposals for renewed funding must convincingly demonstrate that (a) the program is achieving the goals set out in previous funding requests, and (b) is 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.