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The Academy of Psychological Clinical Science Announces a “Flexibility Fund” for Clinical Science Doctoral Students

The Academy of Psychological Clinical Science (APCS, or the Academy) is an alliance of leading, scientifically oriented, doctoral and internship training programs in clinical and health psychology in the United States and Canada. Academy membership is open to doctoral and internship programs with strong commitments to, and established records of, successful clinical science training. The Academy grew out of an organizational meeting held in Bloomington, Indiana in 1994, and the first formal meeting of the Academy was held in New York City in 1995 with 21 of the original 26 member programs. In 1996, the Academy membership was expanded to including research-oriented internship programs. In 2006, the Academy hosted a meeting in Tucson, Arizona to discuss “[developing a positive vision for the future of doctoral training in psychological clinical science and identifying the best way to realize this vision.](#)” This meeting paved the way for the development of an independent accreditation system, and on December 26, 2007, the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) was incorporated. A detailed history of the Academy is available on its website: <https://www.acadpsychclinicalscience.org/history.html>

The Academy is now working toward developing a more complete and inclusive role for graduate students. Ultimately, the goal for this initiative is bidirectional: We hope students can contribute to the mission and working of the Academy itself while the Academy also provides recourses for enhancing students’ clinical science training in a variety of new and exciting ways.

Accordingly, the Academy’s Student Engagement Committee (led by Drs. Christal Badour at Kentucky, Justin Lavner at Georgia, and Nicholas Eaton at Stony Brook) is pleased to announce that “Flexibility Fund” training grants are now available for the 2017-2018 academic year. This new program will provide financial support for current graduate students from Academy programs who wish to receive advanced training in clinical science that is not available to them at their home institutions. These experiences could include, but are not limited to, statistical and methodological training, time visiting in a faculty member’s lab at a different institution, clinical workshops in evidence-based practice (that are directly relevant to ongoing research), or other training opportunities. Conferences are allowable only if there is a significant training component involved (e.g., a pre-conference workshop that requires a special registration).

Several grants ranging from \$1000-\$2000 will be issued and can be applied toward travel costs (e.g., flights, lodging, per diem) and/or training costs (e.g., workshop fees). Applicants should submit a detailed budget request with their application.

Application Requirements:

1. CV
2. 1,000 word personal statement (2-page single-spaced, maximum) describing:
 - a. Your current professional interests (research and clinical)

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- b. The training/education you wish to be funded (including location, dates, organizing body, costs as applicable)
 - c. Why you want to receive this training and why you cannot receive this training at your home institution
 - d. Your long-term career goals and how this education/training will enhance your work as a clinical scientist
3. A letter of recommendation (not to exceed two pages single-spaced) supporting your application and how the education/training will benefit you and help meet your future educational and professional goals.
 4. Request for funding, including estimated costs. If applicable, please note whether you have already been accepted to the training.

Application Deadlines

November 1 (for Spring 2018 and Summer 2018 activities) and May 1 (for Fall 2018 and Winter 2019 activities). We are not accepting applications for previously completed activities.

Apply to the Flexibility Fund

Send all application materials attached to a single email to David Sbarra (sbarra@email.arizona.edu) by the due dates listed above.